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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2016

**One Civic Center Community Development Conference Rooms 1, 2, & 3
7447 E Indian School Rd., Suite 105, Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Alisa McMahon, Chair
Steven Schlosser, Vice-Chair
Michel Hulst, Board Member (left at 7:30 p.m.)
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Dane Englert, Board Member

ABSENT: Bruce Travers, Board Member
Arnold Siegel, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Rachel Smetana, Office of the Mayor
Frank Moreno, Solid Waste
Gabe Fragoso, Solid Waste
Oscar Espinoza, Solid Waste

Call to Order:

Chair McMahon called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above.

Public Comment:

None, no public present

1. **Presentation by the City of Scottsdale Solid Waste Department followed by discussion regarding commercial recycling rate increase scheduled for May 17, 2016 Council meeting Discussion and possible action**

Chair McMahon,
Frank Moreno,
Gabe Fragoso,
& Oscar
Espinoza

A question and answer period took place following the presentation. After the Solid Waste Staff had departed, Board Members continued

the discussion concerning the impact of the large proposed commercial recycling rate increase. Chair McMahon stated the Hyatt Regency had already received bids from alternative providers for refuse and recycling services.

The discussion questioned whether the City should be subsidizing commercial recycling with residential fees. Board Member Hulst stated that the subsidy was impacting all Scottsdale residents. He questioned if that was really appropriate.

Vice-Chair Schlosser stated that it was apparent the City is treating this as a business decision, rather than a social issue. He explained the concept of Pay As You Throw programs that he experienced in the California Bay Area.

The Chair suggested that since EQAB does not meet again before Council votes on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2016, a memorandum to Council might be drafted by no more than three members relating the Board's opposition to the commercial recycling rate increase.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1

Board Member Gimbel provided a motion for the Board to draft and submit a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council expressing the Board's opposition to the proposed commercial recycling rate increase, Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a second; **MOTION APPROVED 4-1 with Board Member Hulst opposed.**

Board Members Gimbel, Englert and Chair McMahon agreed to work on the memorandum. The Board Members who were in favor of the motion discussed the content. Board Member Gimbel asked if the consultant's report needed to be referenced. Chair McMahon confirmed that the content should be referenced.

Suggestions from the Board included:

- Study additional efficiency measures
- Explore methods to grow the program
- Express that the program or loss of the program reflects the City's social priorities, lifestyle image, and environmental reputation
- Suggest alternative methods to increase recycling and revenue

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes** -- Regular Meeting: Chair McMahon,

March 16, 2016. Possible action

& Board

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2

Chair McMahon provided a motion to approve the March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes as submitted, Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 3-0-2 with Board Members Hulst and Gimbel abstaining due to their absence at the March 16, 2016 meeting.**

3. **Administrative Report - Discussion**

- **Updates and opportunities** – Conner
- **Salt-Free Water Softener Rebate Program update** – Conner (item not discussed)
- **Update on March meeting citizen comment** – Brown (item not discussed)
- **Pharmaceutical disposal report** – Brown
Mr. Brown stated that pharmaceutical disposal kiosks were available in all Scottsdale Police Station lobbies. Vice-Chair Schlosser suggested that this might be better publicized, possibly by including the locations in the water bill insert.
- **Water Campus solar support letter** – (item not discussed)
- **Content of future Scottsdale Water presentation** – Conner & Board (item not discussed)
- **Green Building Lecture update** – Floyd (item not discussed)

Tim Conner,
Anthony Floyd,
Sam Brown, &
Board Members

4. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Program: Update of City Council presentation to Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch – Discussion and possible action**

Chair McMahon,
& Vice-Chair
Schlosser

No action taken

Chair McMahon explained the two page document in the board packet had been sent to the Clerk to be included in the City Council Packet for the May 3, 2016 presentation. The PowerPoint presentation was still being developed.

5. **Idle Reduction Resource Packet: Update overview of progress for the resource packet for idle reduction during student pickup and drop off at Scottsdale schools and the Board’s Cover Memo to City Council. Discuss status of anti-idling efforts at SUSD and next steps for EQAB. – Discussion and possible action**

Board Member
Gimbel, & Chair
McMahon

No action taken

Chair McMahon introduced a draft of the resource packet cover

memo to Mayor and Council, and said it was a very rough draft. She asked for input. Board Member Gimbel suggested the format might be better as a timeline. Vice-Chair Schlosser suggested a possible bulleted format. After discussion, it was decided to keep the format 'as is' with one addition.

6. **Drought Management Plan Advisory: Discussion regarding possible revisions to the November 18, 2016 Board approved Advisory for the City's Drought Management plan. – Discussion and possible action**

Chair McMahan

Chair McMahan explained the results of a meeting in January 2016 with Scottsdale Water staff prompted by concerns expressed by the Scottsdale Water Director and Acting City Manager, Brian Biesemeyer. Mr. Biesemeyer was concerned that some of the facts stated in the approved November 18, 2015 Advisory were not totally accurate. The Chair went on to state the Advisory had since been revised and the proposed replacement Advisory dated April 20, 2016 had been reviewed by Scottsdale Water staff.

Board Member Gimbel suggested the recommendations should be moved to the beginning of the document. Vice-Chair Schlosser stated he felt the document was fine the way it was written, and suggested the Board approve it as is.

The Chair stated that updated CRSS modeling is expected soon. She suggested that the shortage probabilities stated in the Advisory could be updated accordingly.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 6

Vice-Chair Schlosser moved that the Board approve the revised Drought Management Plan Advisory dated April 20, 2016, with a possible minor revision to be made by the Chair, and distribute to the Mayor and Council. A second was provided by Board Member Englert; **MOTION APPROVED 4-0**

7. **Board Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items – Discussion**

Chair McMahan,
& Board
Members

8. **Updates and reminders –**

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m. – Documents related to this

Chair McMahan,
& Board
Members

meeting will be due to Tim Conner – tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov
by the close of business Monday May 16, 2016

- Next Green Building Lecture – May 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Granite Reef Sr. Center. Topic: Green Schools
- Other Board Member and staff event announcements

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the
Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Chair McMahon

ATTACHMENTS: