



APPROVED 3/20/2024

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

Call to Order 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Andrew Scheck; Commission Members: Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Tony Coletta, Walter Cuculic (left at 7:04 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Alisa McMahon

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager, Office of Environmental Initiatives; Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director; Bri Laneuville Khan, Communications & Outreach Coordinator; Dave Bennett, Scottsdale Solid Waste Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT: One written public comment was received.

1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2023

One amendment to the draft Regular Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2023, was received from Commissioner McMahon that revised the last sentence in paragraph 2, item 3 of the draft as follows:

Original language:

Commissioner McMahon raised several questions related to the waste management plan and related sustainability indicators and was asked to share additional questions in writing as soon as possible.

Recommended revision by Commissioner McMahon:

Commissioner McMahon raised several questions related to the waste priority in the draft sustainability plan.

Chair Brady made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2023 as revised by Commissioner McMahon, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

2) Election of Officers

Commissioner Cuculic withdrew himself for consideration as Vice Chair. Nominations were received for Chair Brady as Chair and for Commissioner Scheck as Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.

Commissioner Cuculic made a motion to re-elect Commissioner Brady as Chair and to elect Commissioner Scheck as Vice Chair, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL. Chair Brady retained the position of Chair, and Vice Chair Scheck immediately took over the position of Vice Chair.

3) **Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan**

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, presented updated data, revisions, and other information made to the draft Energy, Waste and Heat priorities of the Sustainability Plan included in the agenda packet (as amended). For the Waste priority, Commissioners discussed edits to possible targets and clarifications to the descriptive language for the indicators, as well as general edits to the document language. There was discussion and feedback on the draft energy and heat sections of the Sustainability Plan, including around the energy burden, temperature, and number of heat day targets, indicators, and graphics. Lisa McNeilly confirmed that Commissioners' feedback and input will be reviewed and addressed in the next version of the draft plan.

4) **Environmental Achievement Recognition Award**

Commissioner Coletta presented updates to the city's Environmental Achievement Recognition Award, including the identification of eligible entities, format of the online application and proposed submission timeline. Commissioners were provided with a one-page summary of the changes at the time of the meeting. Discussions involved recommendations to ensure supporting information and data can be submitted by applicants through the online portal, a focus on small businesses, the possibility of changing the name of the award, and a request that the Commission be provided with all submitted applications for review.

Cindi Eberhardt informed Commissioners that city staff will review applications (due April 1) for eligibility, and the Commission will select winners at their April 17th Regular Meeting. Awardees will be announced during Earth Week 2024.

5) **Draft 2023 SEAC Annual Report**

Note: This item was heard before Item #2 Election of Officers.

Commissioners discussed possible edits to the draft SEAC Annual Report as suggested by Commissioner McMahon and reflected in the draft Report linked in the Meeting Agenda. These changes are as follows:

Under the section "Future Significant Work":

- Suggested change from "Restart the Environmental Achievement Program" to "Publicize the with the goal of obtaining nominations and presenting an award in 2024."
- Suggested change from "Encourage the adoption of green purchasing practices by the city" to "work toward the adoption of a city green purchasing policy".
- Suggested addition of "Evaluate and encourage, in the next round of code adoption, the adoption of model International Green Construction Code (IgCC) provisions that were not adopted with the 2021 IgCC."

Under the section “Additional Comments/Recommendations

Suggested moving “Designing with Nature” bullet point to “Future Significant Work Products”.

Commissioner Cuculic made a motion to approve the 2023 SEAC Annual Report including the discussed edits outlined above with Commissioner McMahon providing a Second for the motion. The motion carried 6-1. Commissioner Johnson OPPOSED the motion, with all members present voted for APPROVAL.

6) Update to 2024 Meeting Schedule

Note: This item was heard before Item #2 Election of Officers.

Chair Brady made a motion to add a Special Meeting on January 31, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss further revisions to the draft Sustainability Plan, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

7) Staff Updates

Staff shared updates on the timeline for the City Council appointment for the upcoming vacancy on the Commission, the date for the Blue Zones kickoff and information about upcoming listening sessions on extreme heat in the Paiute and Vista neighborhoods.

8) Identification of Future Agenda Items

Chair Brady requested that Commissioners send her any ideas or suggestions they may have for presentations at future meetings.

Adjournment 8:09 p.m.



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