



APPROVED 3/23/2022 (sb)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2022

**ONE CIVIC CENTER, Plan Review Conference Rooms
7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251**

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Call to Order: 5:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta (attended electronically); Commission Members: Tammy Bosse, Ute Brady, Walter Cuculic (attended electronically from 5:40 to approximately 7:20 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck (attended electronically; arrived approximately 6:00 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Brandon McMahon and Becca Cox, IT/Video Support; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. No members of the public were present. No public comments were received.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2022:

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2022 with Commissioner Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, and Johnson voted for APPROVAL.



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2. **Discussion, and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the content of the *Scottsdale Sustainability Plan*:** Staff liaison Tim Conner provided the Commission with a verbal update and a revised schedule of workshops for the Commission's interaction with the ASU Sustainability Planning Team.

No Action

3. **Staff summary and discussion of the regulatory standing and City responses to citizen concerns about fuel-powered leaf blowers and mowing equipment.** Staff Coordinator Sam Brown presented a qualitative summary of municipal leaf blower restrictions across the country and compared the relative operating and environmental characteristics between fuel-powered and electric units. Mr. Brown relayed the director of the Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department's commitment to replace existing fuel-powered units with electric units as the technology continues to improve.

Commissioner Brady made a motion for the Commission to write a letter of recognition and thanks to the director of the Parks & Recreation Department for the progress and committed intent to replace the departments gas-powered leaf blowers with electric units as technology and power improves. Commissioner Bosse provided a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, Scheck and Johnson voted for APPROVAL

4. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff and/or City Council regarding a pilot tree inventory project (attached) launch for Earth Day & Arbor Day celebrations for greater Scottsdale:** Commissioner Brady provided a brief summary of the pilot tree inventory project that included Vision Statement, Project Goal, Organizational Details & Desired Outcomes. Chair Chrisman Lazarr asked Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager, for permission for the City's GIS staff to proceed with developing and syncing tree inventory software that could be used by citizens on their mobile devices. Mr. Stockwell agreed to support that and also stated that Parks & Recreation's inventory software may be available for use in some capacity.

Commissioner Brady made a motion for the Commission to "support the pilot tree inventory project", as presented and explained by Commissioner Brady. Commissioner Bosse provided a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, and Johnson voted for APPROVAL.

5. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding Energy and Green Construction Code Updates:** Staff member Anthony Floyd provided an update and overview of the latest staff-recommended changes to the 2021 International Energy Construction Code and the 2021 International Green Construction Code for the building code adoption process.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to support Mr. Floyd's recommendations regarding (1) building code for "EV capable" in lieu of "EV ready" charging; (2) "electrical ready" receptacles for major appliance and (3) a tiered phase-in of the "not less than 50% diversion rate" for new construction waste. Commissioner Bosse provided a Second for the motion, which carried 4-0-2. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse and Johnson voted for APPROVAL; Commissioners Brady and Scheck voted to abstain.

- 6. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff on Public Outreach Strategies for sustainability topics currently under consideration by the Commission (Annual Work Plan) or matters of environmental concern submitted to the City or Commission through public forums.**

No Action

7. Staff Updates:

- General updates – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates - Anthony Floyd
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Brent Stockwell

- 8. Review of anticipated items for the March 23, 2022 Commission agenda, including requests by Commission Members for items to be included on future agendas.**

- **ASU update and workshop on *Scottsdale Sustainability Plan***
- **Tree Inventory Pilot Project update**
- **Leaf Blowers - Letter of recognition to Parks & Recreation**
- **Scottsdale motor vehicle fleet conversion to electric discussion**
- **Energy and Green Building code update**

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.