



**APPROVED 4/19/2023**

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***  
City of Scottsdale  
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)  
**Regular Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2023**  
Community Development Conference Rooms  
One Civic Center, 7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

**Call to Order** 5:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse, Tony Coletta (left at 7:37 p.m.), Walter Cuculic, Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd and Sam Brown - Office of Environmental Initiatives; Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development & Tourism Executive Director; Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Three members of the public were present.

**1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023**

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2023, with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members voted for APPROVAL.

**2) Approve Special Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2023**

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2023, with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members voted for APPROVAL.

**3) Presentation on Saguaro High School Tree Inventory project**

Two students from Saguaro High School reviewed their work on the Scottsdale Tree Inventory as part of a student project. They found a noticeable number of damaged trees and many that were not native. The app used to record the data did not allow them to see the total number of trees that were entered, but Chair Brady will work to share the data with them.

#### **\*4) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan**

Chair Brady shared information on the March 7 City Council Work Study Session (WSS). Lisa McNeilly added that the City Manager has given direction to use the June 27<sup>th</sup> WSS to confirm areas of agreement among Councilmembers especially around the timeline for adoption of the plan, whether to combine the sustainability and net zero energy plans, and on level of detail to include in the plan. The proposed process will be similar to that used for completing the 2035 General Plan, with 2-4 additional WSS, and is not expected to be complete until the mid- to late-2024.

Ms. McNeilly shared a handout listing all the Sustainability Indicators currently included in the draft plan to start the discussion around baseline data collection. She shared that indicators could be used to set targets or to track implementation and asked Commissioners for their thoughts on suggested edits to the list. Commissioners discussed next steps on providing input to the plan and possible timelines.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to recommend that the Mayor and City Council create a task force or a SEAC subcommittee to work on the Community Sustainability Plan, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-2. Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr and Commissioner Cuculic OPPOSED the motion, with all other members voting for APPROVAL.

Discussion continued among Commissioners about the table of sustainability indicators and other areas of input. Commissioners agreed to review the first two pages of indicators and to continue the discussion at the April meeting.

Commissioner Cuculic made a motion to approve a letter of recommendation to the Mayor and City Council as edited during the meeting, with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-2. Commissioners Coletta and Johnson OPPOSED the motion, with all other members voting for APPROVAL.

#### **5) Old Town Recycling and Alley Refresh Campaign**

Commissioner Scheck shared a powerpoint presentation describing work in Old Town to increase recycling and to refresh alleys. The work was initiated by areas businesses and supported by Councilwoman Janik and included education, a survey, and repaving in three alleys.

#### **6) Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Work Plan**

Chair Brady briefly reviewed a draft workplan for SEAC and asked that Commissioners share priority items/projects in advance of the April meeting. Her goal is to include one action item per meeting, focused on 2-3 projects this year. This item will be revisited at the April meeting.

#### **7) Earth and Arbor Day Planning**

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, shared details on the plan for Earth Week, including details on the 4/22 Green Expo, Arbor Day, and other events. Commissioners discussed their participation and what information to share at their table.

#### **8) Stormwater Impacts on Debris in the Greenbelt**

In response to a public comment, the Commission briefly discussed debris in the Greenbelt and other city parks related to rainstorms.

## 9) Staff Updates

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, shared updates on from the Office of Environmental Initiatives, including about the city's acceptance into the LEED for Cities cohort, participation in ArtFest, and the status of the application for a Bloomberg Harvard City Fellow. Anthony Floyd is continuing to train plan review staff on the new building codes and is reaching out the residential energy rates to update them on city requirements.

## 10) Change Date for June Meeting

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to move the June Regular Meeting date to June 15, 2023, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present at the time voted for APPROVAL.

## 11) Identification of Future Agenda Items

Commissioners discussed finalizing their workplan before setting future agendas, as well as continuing to work on elements of the sustainability plan, as needed and directed by council.

### Adjournment 8:26 p.m.



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