



APPROVED 4/17/2024

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

Call to Order 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Andrew Scheck; Commission Members: Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Tony Coletta, Ryan Johnson, Alisa McMahon (arrived 5:36 p.m.). Walter Cuculic joined the meeting virtually at 6:21 p.m., left the meeting at 7:15 and returned at 7:54 p.m.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager, Office of Environmental Initiatives; Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director; Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development and Tourism Executive Director (virtually); Dave Bennett and Gina Azima, Scottsdale Solid Waste Services (virtually).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

1) Approve Meeting Minutes for January 2024:

Chair Brady made a motion to continue the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024 and the Special Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2024 to the next meeting date. Vice Chair Scheck seconded the motion, which carried 5-0, with Commissioners Brady, Scheck, Lazarr, Coletta and Johnson voting in the affirmative. Commissioners Cuculic and McMahon were not present for the vote.

2) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, presented updated material from the Energy, Waste and Extreme Heat sections of the Community Sustainability Plan for Commission feedback.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce landfill refuse per single-family household from 2022 levels by 25% by 2030 and 90% by 2050” as a target in the sustainability plan related to landfill waste, with no Second.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “reduce landfill **refuse** per single-family household from 2022 levels by 25% by 2030 and 90% by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to landfill waste, with Vice Chair Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce landfill refuse collected city-wide by 90% by 2050” as a target in the sustainability plan related to total solid waste, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion. Vice Chair Scheck made an amended motion to recommend “reduce landfill refuse collected city-wide by 90% by 2040” with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Vice Chair Scheck made a motion to recommend “reduce municipal landfill refuse from 2024 levels by 35% by 2030 and 90% by 2040 (excludes municipal green landscaping debris hauled under city contract)” as a target in the sustainability plan related to municipal waste, with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “achieve a 35% diversion rate (single family households) by 2030, achieve a 90% diversion rate (citywide) by 2040, and achieve a 35% diversion rate for municipal waste by 2030 and a 90% diversion rate by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to diversion rates, with Vice Chair Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “increase the percentage of Scottsdale Solid Waste Services commercial accounts that recycle to 40% by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to commercial accounts, with Commissioner McMahon providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner McMahon made a motion to recommend “achieve a diversion rate from the brush and bulk waste stream of 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2040, and divert 15,000 tons annually of city-wide organic waste from the landfill by 2030 and 30,000 tons annually by 2040 (excludes brush and bulk and municipal green landscaping debris hauled under city contract)” as a target in the sustainability plan related to organic waste, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “maintain a recycling contamination rate below 10% by 2025 and below 5% by 2045” as a target in the sustainability plan related to recycling contamination, with Commissioner McMahon providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Cuculic made a motion to recommend “achieve 70% city-wide clean energy use by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to city-wide electricity use, with Vice Chair Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce electricity use by 10% by 2035 (relative to 2022) through efficiency measures” as a target in the sustainability plan related to municipal electricity use, with Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which failed 3-3. Chair Brady, Vice Chair Scheck and Commissioner McMahon OPPOSED the motion and Commissioners Chrisman Lazarr, Coletta and Johnson APPROVED the motion, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “reduce electricity use by 15% by 2035 (relative to 2022) through efficiency measures” as a target in the sustainability plan related to municipal electricity use, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “increase distributed solar capacity city-wide to 180 MW by 2030 and to 500 MW by 2040; increase municipal solar capacity to 5 MW by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to distributed solar capacity, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL, with Commissioner Cuculic not in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce greenhouse gas emissions (relative to 2022) by 45% by 2035 and 90% by 2050” as targets in the sustainability plan related to both city-wide and municipal greenhouse gas emissions, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion. Vice Chair Scheck made an amended motion to recommend “reduce greenhouse gas emissions (relative to 2022) by 45% by 2030 and 90% by 2040” as targets in the sustainability plan related to both city-wide and municipal greenhouse gas emissions, with Chair Brady providing a Second for the amended motion, which failed 3-4. Chair Brady, Vice Chair Scheck and Commissioner Coletta APPROVED the amended motion and Commissioners Chrisman Lazarr, Cuculic, Johnson and McMahon OPPOSED the amended motion. The original motion carried 4-3. Commissioners Chrisman Lazarr, Coletta, Cuculic and Johnson APPROVED the original motion and Chair Brady, Vice Chair Scheck and Commissioner McMahon OPPOSED the original motion.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce the average energy burden to 6% or less for all households by 2035” as a target in the sustainability plan related to energy burden, with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “increase the percentage of green buildings to 10% of the total by 2035” as a target in the sustainability plan related to green buildings, with Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-2. Chair Brady and Commissioner McMahon OPPOSED the motion and all other members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr made a motion to recommend “reduce day- and night-time air temperatures by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to average temperatures, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-2. Vice Chair Scheck and Commissioner McMahon OPPOSED the motion, and all other members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “reduce surface temperatures by 2030 in the Greater Airpark, Old Town and McDowell Road/ Scottsdale Road growth areas” as a target in the sustainability plan related to surface temperatures, with Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend “reduce hospitalizations for heat-related health events (per 100,000 population) by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to heat-related hospitalizations, with Vice Chair Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “increase tree & shrub canopy to 25% by 2030 and 35% by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to tree canopy, with Vice Chair Scheck

providing a Second for the motion, which failed 2-5. Chair Brady and Vice Chair Scheck APPROVED the motion, and all other members present were OPPOSED.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “increase tree & shrub canopy to 20% by 2030 and 25% by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to tree canopy, with Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Vice Chair Scheck OPPOSED the motion, and all other members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “increase structured shade city-wide by 15% by 2030 and by 20% by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to shade, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to make the SEAC recommendations a part of the record and authorize Chair Brady to represent the Commission and share these recommendations at the City Council Work Study Session on March 19th with Vice Chair Scheck as an alternate, with Commissioner Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

3) Recognition of Service: Commissioner Tony Coletta

The Commission recognized Commissioner Coletta for having completed two consecutive terms of service with the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission. Commissioners and staff shared their appreciation.

4) Staff Updates

Lisa McNeilly shared preliminary details for the city’s celebration of Earth and Arbor Days. The Commission indicated an interest in hosting a table at EarthFest on April 20th. Ms. McNeilly also shared that there has already been one application to the Sustainable Scottsdale Awards program and that advertising on social media and via networks is underway.

5) Identification of Future Agenda Items

Commissioners were requested to send any suggestions related to desired future agenda items to the staff liaison and to Chair Brady for inclusion in SEAC’s work plan.

Adjournment 9:22 p.m.



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