

PHOENIX ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 9, 2022

Phoenix City Hall
Online Using Webex

Commission Members Present	City Staff Present
Andrea Odegard-Begay, via phone	Nancy Allen, Office of Environmental Programs (OEP)
Bill Sandwig, via phone	Mark Hartman, Office of Sustainability, (OSS)
Caroline Lobo	Dave Hondula, Office of Heat Response and Mitigation (OHRM)
Colin Tetreault, via phone	Cynthia Campbell, WSD
Ginger Torres, via phone	Cathy Lonnegren, Transit
Kathy Knoop, via phone	Jim Swanson, WSD
Kelly Barr, via phone	Roseanne Albright, OEP
Kevin Groman, via phone	Matthew Potzler, OEP
Timothy Franquist, via phone	Katrina Gerster, OEP
	Anita Ponce, OEP
Commission Members Not Present	Community Members Present
Penny Allee Taylor	Andie Abkarian
Darren Chapman	Mark Carlisle, via phone
Nicole LaSlavic	
Sarah Porter	
Columba Sainz	
Kim Sax	

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call and Announcements:**
The meeting of the Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission (EQSC) was called to order with a roll call at 3:02 p.m. There were 10 members present at roll call.
- 2. Review and approval of May 12, 2022, Minutes**
ACTION:
Commissioner Colin Tetreault made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022, minutes. Commissioner Kathy Knoop seconded the motion and it carried 10:0.
- 3. Public Comment – No speakers.**
There were no speakers.
- 4. Urban Heat Island and Tree and Shade Subcommittee (UHITS) Update**
Vice Chair Torres, Chair of the Subcommittee, informed the Commission that at the last meeting scheduled on June 7, 2022, there were insufficient members for quorum. The meeting has been rescheduled on June 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Vice Chair Torres requested a meeting with Chair Caroline Lobo to discuss quorum issues.
- 5. Colorado River Update and Phoenix Drought Management Plan**
Cynthia Campbell, Water Services Department, Water Resources Management Advisor provided information regarding the update on the Colorado River. Currently the Colorado River is seeing the driest conditions in 1,200 years. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department Director Troy Hayes declared a stage one water alert on June 1, 2022. There is a focus on addressing a reduction of Colorado River water. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is taking measures working with other cities and tribal councils to help create efficiency as there is an anticipated hotter and dryer future. The City of Phoenix has worked hard at developing a robust 100-year water supply. Additionally, the City is committed to reducing water use and working with the community on water conservation efforts and intensive public outreach. Water conservation efforts include a plumbing retrofit in Phoenix City Hall, use of saline in the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport cooling towers, toilet rebate programs for qualified residents, online water calculators that tells how much and when to water landscaping, and education and training programs such as the four-week Phoenix Water Wranglers class for those 18 years old and over. Next class starts on June 30, 2022.
- 6. Announcements and Review of Future Agenda Items**
Chair Caroline Lobo asked commission members for their level of expertise and interest:

Commissioner Tim Franquist – Director of Maricopa Association of Governments. His passion is for air quality.

Commissioner Kathy Knoop – Area of expertise is decarbonizing, electricity sector, and air quality management. Is very active in policy work.

Commissioner Andrea Odegard-Begay – Has an interest in civil environmental engineering and 22 years of water master plan utilities, water resources, public entities and wastewater.

Commissioner Colin Tetreault – Area of expertise is with city municipalities and integration with corporate sustainability and public/private sectors.

Commissioner Ginger Torres – Environmental planning, federal agencies, renewable energy planning and Tribal (Navajo Nation) as well as climate resilience climate action.

Commissioner Kelly Barr – Is a sustainability officer with SRP. Her goals are carbon reduction and meeting water goals. Has an overlapping interest with the City of Phoenix.

Commissioner Bill Sandwig – Is enthusiastic about the City of Phoenix micro businesses sustainability and water savings.

Chair Caroline Lobo has an interest in environmental justice and equity, sustainable communities, including low-income communities.

Nancy Allen, Office of Environmental Programs announced the Environmental Justice National Program and solicitation of public comments.

Commissioner Colin Tetreault and Commissioner Ginger Torres have been identified as members of the environmental and sustainably GO Bond sub Committee dates will update the commission on progress.

Future Agenda Items:

Climate Action Plan Update – Nancy Allen
A survey monkey will be going out to gather a list of future agenda items.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Ponce, Administrative Assistant I