



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

November 19, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Jill Etienne, Vice Chair
James Sweig
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Bjorg LeSueur
Stephen Baines
Shannon Burns

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ilene Dode
Emily Davis
Anastasia Stinchfield

City Staff Present:

Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commissioner Dode, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Stinchfield were absent from the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were not public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of September 17, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Etienne moved to APPROVE the September 17, 2024, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner LeSueur; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Sweig, Costa, Riggs, LeSueur, Baines, and Burns.

ABSENT: Commissioners Dode, Davis, and Stinchfield were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver mentioned the City of Tempe Mayor's State of the City Address on December 2nd and noted that tickets to the event are available and the speech will be made available online after the event.

Chair Oliver noted that the City of Tempe's opioid response plan will be made available soon.

Chair Oliver mentioned that Arizona State University will be building the John McCain III Library near Papago Park in Tempe.

Agenda Item 6 – Community Health and Human Services Department Update – Director Tim Burch

In the absence of Mr. Burch, Ms. Galvan advised that the Community Health and Human Services department has selected Dr. Jacqueline Webster to be their new Deputy Director of the Social Services Division.

Ms. Galvan mentioned the Mayor's Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation in October, which recognized the work of the Tempe Family Justice Commission.

Ms. Galvan informed the Commission Members that the new Envision Center is now available for the Commission to have a future monthly meeting at the location if they so choose.

Agenda Item 7 – Review and Approve 2024 Strategic Plan – Chair Oliver

The Commission Members discussed and reviewed the Strategic Planning Retreat Outcome and worked in small groups to develop the following actionable items to work towards the Family Justice Commission's strategic goals:

1. Identify and Advocate for Vulnerable Populations (Commissioners Burns and Etienne)
 - a. Focus on the elderly population
 - b. Create "blue zones" to establish community connections and build up a community to help vulnerable populations based on programs and services already developed, such as Tempe Community Action Agency's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.
 - c. Highlight programs and nonprofits already focused on assisting vulnerable populations and getting community members who are in need to engage with services.
2. Resources for Impact (Commissioners LeSueur and Sweig)
 - a. Continue Memorandums to the Mayor and City Council
 - b. Develop four videos on topics of concern to the Tempe Family Justice Commission
 - c. Create and share a resources toolkit online to be shared on the Tempe Family Justice Commission's website, Tempe Police Department website, and the CARE7 website
3. Building Community Relations (Commissioners Riggs and Baines)
 - a. Contribute to the Tempe Today newsletter every month to provide educations, resources, and to connect to the community.
 - b. Create unified branding language to define the Tempe Family Justice Commission and establish a cohesive mission statement in the Tempe Family Justice Commission's own language
4. Advocate to Enhance Services (Commissioners Costa and Oliver)
 - a. Offer training for family and friends of people who have experienced domestic violence
 - b. Write a grant to fund training offerings

Chair Oliver proposed that the Commission Members reserve time at each regular Family Justice Commission Meeting to work in small groups on action items that will assist the Commission in achieving its strategic goals.

Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Police Department Hate Crime Reporting System – Commission Member Sweig

Commissioner Sweig advised that Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Velicia Humes, is spearheading the Hate Crime Reporting System project along with Community Affairs Specialist, Lisa Groom.

Commissioner Sweig gave an overview of a drafted questionnaire that will be published to the Police Department's website. Commissioner Sweig noted that a hate crime is a federal offense, however, this reporting system will create an opportunity for law enforcement to collect more information to work with federal officials, and potentially assist with prosecution and sentencing.

Commissioner Sweig mentioned that the Hate Crime Reporting System will go live on the Tempe Police Department website after all stakeholders have approved of the questionnaire and language in the system.

Commissioner Sweig advised that current hate crime statistics may be inaccurate due to non-uniform and irregular data collection on reported incidents, but this system may help in collecting better information and accurate data.

Commissioner Sweig presented quarterly data for crimes of interest to the Family Justice Commission and noted that domestic violence incidents are occurring in average numbers, while other crimes, such as assault and aggravated assault are lower.

Agenda Item 9 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Update – Nicole Galvan

Agenda Item deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 10 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

Agenda Item deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Burns

Commissioner Burns informed the Commission that she moved to Tempe in 1974 and grew up in Tempe – gong to Tempe schools and then gong to Arizona State University.

Commissioner Burns advised that her family consists of one daughter, one son, her husband and a cat named Emmy.

Commissioner Burns mentioned that her daughter went to University of Arizona but is now back in Tempe and her son goes to school in California and plays soccer.

Commissioner Burns noted that she started her career as a prosecutor, taught at a paralegal school, became a mental health and juvenile attorney, practiced family law, worked at the Maricopa Indian Community Legal Services Office, and then became a Parent Attorney for the Office of Legal Defender.

Commissioner Burns detailed her work with the Peer Parent Navigator Program and their research collaboration with Arizona State University.

Agenda Item 12 – Commission Member Updates

Agenda Item deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 17 –Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 18 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Burns motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Sweig; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Sweig, Costa, Riggs, LeSueur, Baines, and Burns.

ABSENT: Commissioners Dode, Davis, and Stinchfield were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

The next meeting will be on December 17, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Dr. Jacqueline Webster

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission