
**Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
March 5, 2014**

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on March 5, 2014 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Arlene Chin, Cole Hickman, Kiyomi Kurooka, Nancy Lesko, Josephine McNamara, Robert Miller, Jon Mulford, Bill Munch, Russ Plieseis, Julie Ramsey, Joaquin Rios, Scott Smas, Christopher Ware.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Bill Wagner

City Staff Present: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager

Guests Present:

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: February 5, 2014

Commissioners first welcomed new member Arlene Chin and went around the table offering their names and zip codes.

Commissioner Munch made a motion to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes and Commissioner Ware seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation on Help 2 Others Program

Lisa Roach, a former NAC member and a current Tempe Community Council (TCC) Board of Directors member, provided a Help 2 Others program overview. Members watched a portion of a video and learned the optional donation on the water bill provides a funding source for multiple youth and senior programs including Boys and Girls Club, Tumbleweed Youth Resource Center and Meals on Wheels. Several commissioners were under the impression that all monies collected went towards helping pay water and utility bills only and were unaware of all of the non-profit

groups receiving funding through this program. Lisa explained that non-profits receiving funding were selected through Tempe Community Council's Agency Review process. Commissioners inquired what the total amount of water funding was as well as the portion due to matching funds? Lisa noted that only a small portion of all water bill recipients contribute so the Board has been working to increase awareness of the program and its impacts.

Agenda Item 5 – Selection of Neighborhood Award Recipients

Staff provided a brief overview of the awards program process and history prior to members beginning the discussion and review of all nominees. After some initial dialogue regarding all neighbor of the year nominations, Commissioner Adams made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lesko that NAC give out a Chuck Malpede Award. The motion passed with 14 yes votes and one no vote.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to select Robin Todd as the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year award recipient seconded by Commissioner Mulford. The motion failed with 3 yes votes and 12 no votes.

Commissioner Buell then made a motion to select Raul Puente, Gretchen Reinhardt and Family as the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year award recipient seconded by Vice Chair Plieseis. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Commissioner Lesko made a motion that Adolfo and Irene Echeveste receive the Neighbor of the Year Award seconded by Chair Miller. The motion failed with 4 yes votes and 11 no votes.

Commissioner Ware then made a motion that Robin Todd receive the Neighbor of the Year Award seconded by Commissioner McNamara. The motion passed with 11 yes votes and 4 no votes.

All other nominees will receive an honorable mention.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to select the Escalante Community Garden as the Golden Shovel award recipient. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All other Property Beautification nominees will receive an honorable mention.

Commissioner Lesko made a motion to select the Tonnesen alley as the Golden Rake award recipient which was seconded by Commissioner McNamara. The motion passed unanimously, the other nominee will receive an honorable mention.

Commissioner McNamara offered to paint the golden shovel, staff will provide a shovel and paint. Commissioners also requested a golden rake which staff will coordinate with solid waste staff. Commissioners added that they may want to discuss and edit the award evaluation forms at their next meeting or an upcoming one.

Agenda Item 6 – 2014 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning Update

Staff distributed event postcards and encouraged all members to distribute them, help spread the word and to register for the various workshops.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion and approval of Tempe Involving the Public (TIP) Manual Revisions

Due to meeting time constraints, commissioners were unable to discuss and thoroughly review the revised document. Commissioner Mulford made a motion to have this agenda item be included on the April 2 NAC meeting agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Plieseis, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 - Character Areas Process Update

Shauna reported that approximately 100 residents attended the March 3 Character Area 8 Corona/South Tempe Kick Off Meeting held at Arizona Community Church. This was in addition to the nearly 80 residents who attended the Character Area 7 Kiwanis/The Lakes Kick Off Meeting held on February 26 at Aguilar Elementary School. These are the first two character areas being looked at out of the eight character areas identified. Chair Miller attended the Kiwanis/The Lakes meeting and Commissioner Mulford attended the Corona/South Tempe meeting, both were complimentary of the meeting organization, break out activities and the materials provided. Shauna encouraged commissioners to visit the character areas website to look over the neighborhood profiles created for each area which provide a wealth of demographics and information. Upcoming meetings are also identified there. Next will be a workshop for each of these areas at the Neighborhood Workshop and Awards event.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Agenda Items for April 2 or Future Meeting

- 2014 Neighborhood Awards and Workshop Update
- TIP Manual Update

Staff was also directed to let Mayor and Council know that commissioners are again asking City Attorney and City Clerk to provide a date for the Open Meeting Law presentation to this commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager