
**Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
March 4, 2015**

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on March 4, 2015 5:35-7:00 p.m., at 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 31 E. 5th St., Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Matt Korbeck, Kiyomi Kurooka, Josephine McNamara, Robert Miller, Bill Munch, Julie Ramsey, Christopher Ware.

(MEMBERS) Absent: Cole Hickman, Nancy Lesko, Russ Plieseis, Joaquin Rios, Scott Smas.

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

Guests Present: Dillon Ahola, ASU Urban Planning; Rachel Andrews, ASU Cronkite School; Greg Freitas, Walter Cronkite School; Matthew Olney, ASU Urban Planning.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: February 4, 2015

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the February 4, 2015 minutes and Commissioner Munch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Neighborhood Award Nominations Group Review and Voting

An initial tally of commissioner votes was taken for each of the three award categories followed by a significant amount of discussion regarding nominees and nomination contents for each category.

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to nominate Ken and Janet Seegren for the Neighbor of the Year Award. Commissioner Ramsey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was unanimously denied.

Commissioner Ware made a motion to award Raveen Arora the Neighbor of the Year Award. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNamara and passed unanimously. Mr. Arora is the first business owner/stake holder to receive this award.

Chair Miller once again emphasized that just because there is a Chuck Malpede Award does not mean commissioners need to award one every year.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to award Barbara Sherman the Chuck Malpede Award seconded by Commissioner McNamara and the motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Buell made a motion to award the Cooper and Lauer residence the Golden Shovel Award seconded by Commissioner Ware and the motion passed unanimously. The involvement of the entire family and the before, during and after pictures provided were noted. Commissioner McNamara confirmed she will provide the winner's golden shovel as in prior years.

Commissioner Korbeck made a motion to award the O'Connell Residence the Property Beautification Award which was seconded by Commissioner McNamara and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Korbeck made a motion to award the Browns and the Shorts with Golden Rake Awards, the motion was seconded by Commissioner McNamara and passed with seven yeas and 2 nays. Staff will notify Tony Miano, Public Works Solid Waste Services Manager who will provide the Golden Rakes.

Agenda Item 5 – Character Area Update

Staff distributed the public meeting Apache/Character Area 4 and Character Area 5 schedules for the entire public meeting series. The Preliminary Organizational and Planning Meeting held jointly on February 18 at the Tempe History Museum for neighborhood and homeowners' association, business and community leaders from each area was well received and attended. Approximately 30 potential program ambassadors attended.

Agenda Item 6 – 2015 State of the Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Workshop and Awards

Staff confirmed this year's sponsors: Association Assistant, SRP, Starbucks and Whole Foods. Commissioners were provided 2015 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops flyers, reminded to RSVP sooner than later and to promote the event to their Tempe neighbors, friends, family and co-workers.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Agenda Items for April or Future Meeting

For April:

- 2015 State of the Neighborhoods/Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Update
- Community Development Variance Process and Customer Service
- Traffic

Both the Tempe Arts Plan and the 2015 Character Areas will likely be on the May agenda for updates as no additional information will be available prior to the April meeting.

Agenda Item 8 –Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.