



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission March 21, 2017

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Karyn Lathan, Chair
Angel Carbajal
Ilene Dode
Andi Fetzner
Kimberly Frick
Patrick Foster
Judith Homer
Beatrice Kastenbaum
Kristen Scharlau
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Human Services Deputy Director
David Humble, Police Commander
Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Sahar Bick, Tempe Resident
Melisa Mel, President of From Victim to Survivor

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Karyn Lathan called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Chair Karyn Lathan took roll.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Sahar Bick recently applied for the Family Justice Commission vacancy. Ms. Bick is an anti-human trafficking advocate and is interested in lending her experience to the Commission.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of February 21, 2017 Minutes (Motion Required)

MOTION: Commission Member Margaret Tinsley moved to APPROVE the minutes.

SECOND: Commission Member Ilene Dode

DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Karyn Lathan reviewed the new City of Tempe Lobbyist Registration Program registration and reporting protocols with the Commission. The City has created a list of frequently asked questions which can be found at www.tempe.gov/lobbyist. Any questions not addressed in the referenced document should be directed to the City Clerk's Office.

Agenda Item 6 – Strategic Plan Update

Paul Bentley, Human Services Deputy Director reviewed the strategic items that needed updated action items and strategic plan implementation forms:

- Creating a list of stakeholders – Commission Member Kristen Scharlau
- Touring advocacy centers – Commission Member Angel Carbajal
- Researching best practices – Commission Members Beatrice Kastenbaum and Ilene Dode
- Identify data – COMPLETED

Commission Member Patrick Foster arrived at 6:26 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Police Department Update

Commission Member Angel Carbajal introduced Police Commander David Humble who is interested in the work the Family Justice Commission is conducting.

Commission Member Angel Carbajal reported the following: In the first two (2) crime cycles of the year, there have been twenty (20) Sexual Assaults; the average over the last four (4) years is fourteen (14). Domestic Violence Assaults – 154; the average over a four (4) year period is 153. At the request of the Commission, Commission Member Angel Carbajal will report the updated statistics quarterly with April being the next report out. Commission Member Angel Carbajal expressed interest in providing an advanced sexual assault training to patrol officers. Commission Member Patrick Foster reported Arizona State University Campus Police will hand out information during Sexual Assault Awareness month with tips and information. The Patrol Officers will have their Police Department shirts retrofitted with a teal patch for the month of April. The Mayor's Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness month will be on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Agenda Item 8 – CARE 7 Update

Commission Member Kristen Scharlau and Lauren Hyre recently received a grant to host a training conducted by Russell Strand in the fall. Two victim advocates from CARE 7 are attending the Crimes Against Women Conference in Dallas with four (4) detectives from the Special Victims Unit. A new Victim Advocate starts on April 3, 2017; funders approved to allow this counselor to begin immediate counseling for sexual assault and domestic violence victims. Counseling began a wait list with five (5) counselors on staff.

Commission Member Kristen Scharlau expressed the need to partner with a hotel to place emergency victims. Commission Member Kimberly Frick suggested Airbnb, Commission Member Kristen Scharlau stressed the need to build a relationship with a hotel. The Commission suggested contacting the Tempe Chamber of Commerce or community members acting as a foster family/safe family.

Commission Member Angel Carbajal recommended requesting additional funding for CARE 7 to increase staffing at the time the Commission presents to Mayor and Council for an Advocacy Center. The Commission suggested approaching the Arizona Psychological Association to create a volunteer pool of counselors to assist with the high demand of counseling.

Member of the public, Melisa Mel arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 – Advocacy Center Tour Update

After a discussion with Paul Bentley, Human Services Director and Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant Commission Member Angel Carbajal reported the Commission will continue their regular monthly meetings as scheduled and the tours of advocacy centers will be separate. Mesa has confirmed and Phoenix will follow up with availability; a series of dates/times will be sent by staff via doodle pool.

Agenda Item 10 Next Meeting – April 18, 2017

- Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Margaret Tinsley moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Commission Member Patrick Foster

DECISION: Unanimously APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next meeting will be on ~~April 18, 2017~~ May 16, 2017

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Karyn Lathan, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission