

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission November 1, 2017



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Jonathan Gelbart, Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Nancy Lesko, Candyce Lindsay, Bill Munch, Julie Ramsey, Daniel Schugurensky

(MEMBERS) Absent: Jack Escobar, Barb Harris, Matt Korbeck, Josephine McNamara

City Staff Present: Robbie Aaron, Community Development/Planning, robbie_aaron@tempe.gov, 480-350-8096; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager

Guests Present:
Amber Tomko

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: October 3, 2017

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion to approve the October 3 minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Gelbart and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Review of the DRAFT Character Area Plan 3

The city began a character area planning process in the fall of 2013 after the adoption of General Plan 2040. Since then, four character area plans have been completed. The NAC has been involved in each of the planning processes by advising on engagement and being provided overviews of the plans. Robbie Aaron reviewed the draft Character Area 3 plan with the commission, highlighting the public engagement that took place. The draft has been released online with online comments open until December 1, 2017. Details for a public meeting are being finalized.

Character Area 3 (CA3) provides design guidelines/placemaking principles. The CA3 plan breaks the project area into 4 different areas of focus, Arizona State University (ASU), Downtown, Rio Salado and Northwest Neighborhoods. Guidelines are specific to each area, but there is some overlap with preservation of neighborhoods being the guiding theme.

Commissioners inquired about the ASU portion. The section on ASU includes the 330 acres of the NOVUS Innovation Corridor and explains the restrictions as it is state land, which the city isn't able to regulate. ASU and the city recently completed a Small Area Transportation model, which identifies better connections, including opening up Dorsey from University to Rio Salado.

Commissioners also discussed Mill Ave. acting in a pedestrian only capacity and alley activation. The next steps are to compile the comments to see if there need to be any revisions. A final draft will be taken to Council for a formal resolution amending General Plan 2040.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and approval of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Annual Report

Commissioner Lesko made a motion to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Annual Report with minor grammar corrections and the deletion of the 3rd bullet under goals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Munch asked that the minutes reflect that the NAC is lucky to have the two staff members they have. There is no one else in the public realm he'd like to work with more.

Agenda Item 6 –State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshops Planning

Commissioners asked that city staff do an online survey to get input into possible topics. In addition to the topics previously used, the following will be added: Equal Pay Initiatives; Shade/Urban Forest; Pedestrian Safety; and Sustainability.

Agenda Item 7 - Proposed Agenda Items for December or Future Meetings

- State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshop Planning
- Parks Improvements Update (tbd-when materials are ready)
- Services for Homeless Overview (December)
- GP2040 Progress
- Code Compliance discussion and update – Landscape Referral Program

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Prepared by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager