

DRAFT Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
February 7, 2018



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Michael Comstock, Jack Escobar, Jonathan Gelbart, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Carol Shixue Hu, Matt Korbeck, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay, Bill Munch

(MEMBERS) Absent: Mike D'Elena, Nancy Lesko, Daniel Schugurensky

City Staff Present: Parrish Spisz, City Council Aide, parrish_spisz@tempe.gov, 480-350-8816; Jeff Tamulevich, Community Development -Code Enforcement Manager, jeff_tamulevich@tempe.gov, 480-350-8441; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Guests Present: Councilmember Kolby Granville

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: December 5, 2017

Commissioner Escobar made a motion to approve the November 1 minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Munch and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Hu restated the prior nominations made at the December meeting for her as Vice Chair and for Commissioner Lindsay as Chair. She then asked if there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, Commissioner Munch made a motion seconded by Commissioner Korbeck for Commissioner Hu to be Vice Chair and for Commissioner Lindsay to be Chair. The motion passed unanimously and Vice Chair Hu turned the meeting over to Chair Lindsay.

Agenda Item 5 – Welcome and introduction of new commission members

Each member noted their zip code and briefly introduced themselves to welcome new commission members Michael Comstock and Stephanie Greenfield who shared their neighborhood area and interest in serving on NAC.

Agenda Item 6 – Information and Possible Action on City Manager’s Working Group Proposed Pigeon Ordinance

Councilmember Granville described his initial contact with a constituent who asked for his assistance with a significant pigeon feeding issue necessitating frequent clean ups of roof areas and vehicles by the impacted neighbor. Through a City Manager’s Working Group including discussion with Code Compliance staff, a way

to handle this type of complaint, modeled after the Barking Dog complaint process was identified. This proposed Pigeon Ordinance also stipulates that complaints cannot be anonymous, three individuals must be willing to put their names to a complaint and be willing to go court if necessary. Commissioners inquired what the process steps would entail. Jeff Tamulevich, Code Enforcement Manager, noted the policy would be inform before you fine. To that end, a letter would go out at the time of the initial complaint making the pigeon feeder aware of the complaint with instructions to correct the issue. If the issue were not corrected within 30 days, the case would go to court.

Councilmember Granville emphasized this ordinance is not intended to affect hobbyists who keep pigeons primarily in cages nor is there anticipated to be a number of cases resulting from it. Commissioner Adams suggested a mention that pigeon feeding is bad for the community and bad for the birds as it is best for them to find their own food source. Commissioners inquired if two neighbors could be sufficient for a complaint and what the impacted area would need to be. Jeff Tamulevich noted that three neighbors is in keeping with the Barking Dog ordinance and this proposed ordinance would follow suit. The Judge would make determinations regarding issues like distance. Commissioners requested the proposed Pigeon Ordinance be edited to include reference to the existing code allowing for small animals, specifically the portion including up to five chickens being allowed, so that those residents keeping fowl are not unintentionally impacted. Councilmember Granville and staff agreed to the requested edit.

Agenda Item 7 – Code Compliance Program Update

Jeff Tamulevich highlighted the residential home painting and decomposed granite installation programs that the city is making available to all residents. These newer programs are in addition to the existing landscape referral program and provide a starting point to get timely bids on needed work from licensed, bonded insured contractors. All noted contractors for each program were selected through the city procurement process and have agreed to offer a residential discount to Tempe residents. Jeff added that initial residential feedback has been complimentary and residents have been pleased with pricing and service. Discounts were based on residential clients and in the case of painting, complete house painting, but a potential customer can always call these contractors to discuss other project types and obtain quotes.

Voluntary compliance with Code is the goal. Of the 9,400 violations issued last year, the vast majority were resolved through inspectors working with clients to achieve voluntary compliance through awareness, education and assistance programs. Less than 2% of cases rise to the level of citation or lastly to abatement. Sometimes if a homeowner is in violation and does not qualify for special assistance nor is able to address the situation on their own, they will voluntarily ask for abatement to resolve the issue. In those scenarios, the city comes in with contractors and abates the property and the costs are addressed with a lien which then runs with the property.

Complaints come in from the public through the 311 system (via app, phone or email). In addition, when an inspector is out looking at a potential violation, they look at the neighboring adjacent properties. Currently, 16 inspectors work Monday through Friday to follow up on and address concerns. New programs are promoted through the Code Compliance website at www.tempe.gov/code, via social media, brochures are offered at local meetings and events and inspectors provide them to clients. The recommendation was made to ensure all program brochures are made available to State of the Neighborhoods attendees and staff agreed.

Agenda Item 8 – Parks Plan Update

Every Tempe park is now included on the Parks Plan update brochure. If a park has no icons next to it, no improvements are planned during this timeframe for that specific park. A new completed section identifies those projects that have been completed over the last two years ranging from new playground equipment to lighting and basketball court improvements. Projects for Year 2017-2018 are those projects that are currently approved and budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Projects for years

2018/2019 through 2021/2022 are planned projects but not yet approved 5-year CIP. In addition, special projects that are not included in the CIP can also come up such as the dedicated Pickleball Courts at Tempe Sports Complex or the new Splash Playground at Kiwanis Park anticipated to open by this summer. The website at www.tempe.gov/parks has the latest information including public meetings, comments from surveys and expected timelines for ongoing parks projects. Chair Lindsay expressed appreciation and offered kudos for the condition of Tempe parks in general and the number of parks projects completed over the last two years.

Agenda Item 9 – State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshops Planning

Commission members were provided Neighborhood nominations flyers to share with their Tempe contacts along with a reminder that nominations are due on February 20. The majority of the March NAC meeting will then be spent reviewing and rating nominations. All nominees will then be recognized at the 2018 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Care Fair on Saturday, April 21. Event sponsorships are coming in and the event will be featured in the March Tempe Today (water bill newsletter) as well as an April Tempe Today special insert and on Facebook, Nextdoor, Twitter and in press releases.

Agenda Item 10 – Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshop Planning
- Affordable Housing Impact Statement
- GP2040 Progress
- Managing Growth, transportation (all modes) and parking safely and efficiently as Tempe builds up
- Residential and commercial home based, small scale businesses (which ones do not require a license?)
- Wrap up of this legislative session
- Current status of SB1350, short-term rentals and boarding (AirBNB)

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

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