

DRAFT Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
June 6, 2018



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) Annual Retreat held on Saturday, August 2018, at Tempe History Museum, Community Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart (latter portion of retreat only), Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay, Daniel Schugurensky

(MEMBERS) Absent: Jack Escobar, Barb Harris, Bill Munch

City Staff Present: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Ambika Adhikari, Community Development/Planning, 480-350-8367, Ambika_Adhikari@tempe.gov

Guests Present:
None

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment
None

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: June 6, 2018
Commissioner Schugurensky made a motion to approve the June 6 minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Adams and passed unanimously by the nine members present with a 9-0 vote.
Commission Member Ayes: Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay and Daniel Schugurensky
Commission Members Absent: Jack Escobar, Jonathan Gelbart (at time of vote), Barb Harris, Bill Munch

Agenda Item 4 Commissioner Exercise – Getting to know you and your passions and priorities better

In advance of the retreat, each NAC member was asked to provide a picture representative of their passions and priorities. Staff compiled them into one presentation adding neighborhoods and housing related images from each of the four Tempe zip code areas represented. During the retreat, each Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) member described their picture selection. This Commissioner exercise reinforced that all members feel connected to the community in some fashion and particularly to the diverse and unique Tempe neighborhoods where they have made their homes. Other passions and areas of interest included: family, flood irrigation, mature trees, historic preservation, mid-century housing, love of travel,

modes of travel, growth of the community and the individual, education, architecture, public art, Tempe Leadership, dogs, city parks, real estate, baking, little league, service to the community and helping the less fortunate.

Agenda Item 5 – Long range planning process overview and project updates

Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner (long-range) in Community Development-Planning, noted the Divisions of the Community Development Department include Building Safety, Code Compliance, Historic Preservation, Redevelopment, Neighborhood Services, Special Projects and Planning.

The Long-Range Planning Division is involved in the monitoring of General Plan 2040, development of a Tempe Facilities Masterplan and Character Area Plans. The Division is currently working with a consultant to craft the Urban Core Masterplan (UCMP) covering a 6.15 square mile area bounded by 101 and 202 Freeways, Hardy Drive and Union Pacific Rail lines. The UCMP will include a masterplan for the area, an update of the existing Transportation Overlay District (TOD) Code and the creation of an affordable housing strategy for the City.

The Facilities Masterplan plan will contain a comprehensive assessment of the City's existing facilities (buildings, land and work yards), evaluate uses and needs, and make recommendations for the best utilization plan moving forward.

The Character Area Plans assess the existing planning, design and historic characters of an area under consideration, and devise design and planning principles to guide renovations, new developments, and improvements in the public realm. Five of the eight Character Area Plans have already been completed. The Character Area 3 Plan was the most recently adopted by Mayor/Council on June 7, 2018 and encompasses the four anchors of Downtown Tempe, Rio Salado, ASU and NW Neighborhoods.

Agenda Item 6 – Equity in Action Update

Braden Kay was unexpectedly unable to attend the retreat but may be able to attend the September 5 NAC meeting if available and timing for this item is appropriate. Staff provided a brief Equity in Action update. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is being assembled which will establish some parameters and criteria for selection of participating non-profit agencies. Commission member Moulton Belec expressed her interest in attending working group meetings once established.

Agenda Item 7 – Review and discussion of draft Neighborhood Advisory Commission Annual Report

Staff explained that the Annual Report draft provided in the meeting packet reflects only the meetings held since January 2018. The final draft (due in early December to City Clerk's office) will include meeting information, actions and commission member attendance through the November 7, 2018 meeting.

Commissioner Adams reaffirmed her willingness to make minor edits to the State of the Neighborhoods Awards Applications and internal rater forms to ensure accuracy and consistency. Due to meeting time constraints, commission members were unable to finish the review and discussion of prior goals and the 2019 goal setting discussion which are portions of the Annual Report. In addition, there are a number of potential future agenda items which the goal setting discussion will help to refine and inform. These discussions will be continued at the September meeting and future meetings as needed.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- 2019 Neighborhood Award Applications and rater forms – final wording (Sept. or Oct.)
- Equity in Action Update (Sept. or Oct. – when timing is appropriate)
- Urban Core Masterplan (likely October)
- Integrated Pest Management Program (September)
- Rio Salado Beach Park Master Plan Update

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas