

# Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission February 6, 2019



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris (via phone), Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller, Daniel Schugurensky, Maureen Utter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** None.

**City Staff Present:** Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Commander Mike Horn, Police Department-Field Operations, 480-350-8499, mike\_horn@tempe.gov; Craig Hayton, Public Works-Parks Manager; 480-350-5234, craig\_hayton@tempe.gov; Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director - Planning, 480-858-2393, ryan\_levesque@tempe.gov

**Guests Present:** Sylvia Orioli

## **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Hu.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

None.

## **Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: December 12, 2018**

Commissioner Schugurensky made a motion to approve the December 12 minutes as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Gelbart and *passed unanimously by the 10 members present at that time* with a 10-0 vote.

## **Commission Member Ayes:**

Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller, Daniel Schugurensky, Maureen Utter

## **Commission Members Absent:**

Barb Harris  
Kiyomi Kurooka  
Chair Lindsay  
Hannah Moulton Belec

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Chair and Vice Chair Final Nominations and Election**

Nominations for Chair for the 2019 calendar year were made and then considered in the order received.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gelbart nominated Commissioner Hu for Chair

**Second:** Chair Lindsay

**Commission Member Ayes:**

Candyce Lindsay, Carol Shixue Hu, Jonathan Gelbart, Stephanie Greenfield, Daniel Schugurensky

**Commission Member No votes:**

Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Jana Lynn Granillo, Barb Harris, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller, Maureen Utter

**Absent during vote:**

Kiyomi Kurooka

**Motion:** Commissioner Harris nominated Commissioner Garlid for Chair

**Second:** Commissioner D'Elena

**Commission Member Ayes:** Doreen Garlid, Barb Harris, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Richelle Miller, Maureen Utter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Michael McLendon

**Commission Member No votes:** Candyce Lindsay and Carol Shixue Hu, Daniel Schugurensky, Stephanie Greenfield, Jonathan Gelbart.

**Absent during vote:**

Kiyomi Kurooka

**Chair Election Results:** Commission member Garlid was elected Chair with 8 aye votes.

Nominations for Vice Chair for the 2019 calendar year were then taken and were also considered in the order received.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schugurensky nominated Commissioner Gelbart for Vice Chair

**Second:** Commissioner Hu

**Commission Member Ayes:** Jonathan Gelbart, Carol Shixue Hu, Hannah Moulton Belec, Kiyomi Kurooka, Daniel Schugurensky, Maureen Utter, Stephanie Greenfield and Barb Harris

**Commission Member No votes:** Candyce Lindsay, Mike D'Elena, Michael McLendon, Doreen Garlid, Richelle Miller

**Abstentions:** Jana Lynn Granillo

**Motion:** Commissioner Lindsay nominated Commissioner D'Elena for Vice Chair

**Second:** Commissioner Garlid

**Commission Member Ayes:** Candyce Lindsay, Mike D'Elena, Michael McLendon, Doreen Garlid, Richelle Miller

**Commission Member No votes:** Hannah Moulton Belec, Jonathan Gelbart, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Daniel Schugurensky, Maureen Utter

**Abstentions:** Jana Lynn Granillo

**Vice Chair Election Results:** Commission member Gelbart was elected Vice Chair also with 8 aye votes. Chair Lindsay then turned the meeting over to new Chair Garlid.

**Agenda Item 5 – Welcome of new commission members**

New commission members Michael McLendon (85283) and Richelle Miller (85281) were briefly welcomed by existing members and each NAC Member then provided their name and zip code.

**Agenda Item 6 – Summary of Current Events by Zip Code Areas** – This new standing agenda item was previously requested by commission members and briefly introduced at this meeting. Members were reminded (as noted on the agenda) that they may make announcements regarding current events not listed on the agenda during this agenda item but no discussion or legal action will be taken regarding these announcements. Due to meeting time constraints, the only announcement made was by staff on behalf of Commissioner Harris regarding the upcoming February Empty Bowls events and encouragement to attend.

**Agenda Item 7 – Information and possible action - Proposed Zoning and Development Code Ordinance change re: ADUs and Guest Quarters**

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director - Planning, described the proposed changes within the Zoning and Development Code pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)/Guest Quarters. These changes would allow a property, zoned multi-family, to add an accessory dwelling that is smaller in scale, and consistent with the standards of a property maintained as single-family along with a more streamlined process, like a single-family project. Additionally, this ordinance proposes extending the availability of the current Guest Quarters regulations, allowing properties having a minimum 15,000 sf. to a minimum 8,000 sf. lot size for such use.

This initiative began with review out of the City Manager's Humble Homes/Tiny Homes Working Group, as well as the "Incentives to Limit R-3 Development" City Council Work Study Session. The significant changes to last year's ordinance were: an increase in the Accessory Dwelling's maximum size from 600 to 800 sf.; and Guest Quarters were expanded to allow on residential lots from 10,000 to an 8,000 sf. minimum size.

Following the provided overview, there was a robust commissioner discussion and a number of questions posed. Commissioner inquiries and answers from Ryan Levesque included:

- Since there is no design review required, could unit be different from the main house?  
*Yes. However, if in a Homeowners' Association, they may have purview over the design.*

- During your outreach – have you heard any concerns regarding closer setback to adjacent resident who will be closest to backyard unit?  
*No. We have had inquiries regarding if additional parking will be required and it will not be required. Most of these locations are in neighborhoods with residential permit parking.*
- *Due to lack of design requirement, could you end up with a metal shack look? How do you preserve neighborhood aesthetics?*  
2-3 units will be handled as an administrative process.  
4 or more units will trigger a formal Development Plan Review (DPR) process
- Why not offered in single family neighborhoods?  
*The initial interest has been more in the Accessory Dwelling Units (“light” version of ordinance). This proposed ordinance change does not include single family homes. Accessory dwelling units in single family neighborhoods might be explored further at a later date. This usage would require more robust research and outreach as there are many differences in and amongst single family neighborhoods.*

**Motion:** Commissioner Lindsay made a motion to approve the proposed Zoning and Development Code Ordinance change regarding ADUs and Guest Quarters as it was presented.

**Second:** Commissioner Gelbart

**Commission Member Ayes:** Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D’Elena, Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris (via phone), Carol Shixue Hu, Candyce Lindsay, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller, Daniel Schugurensky, Maureen Utter

**Commission Member No Votes:** Kiyomi Kurooka

Commissioner Kurooka emphasized her desire for this currently proposed ordinance change to also include other single-family neighborhoods (beyond multi-family zoning) and cast a no vote because it did not.

### **Agenda Item 8 - Park security measures**

Commander Mike Horn, Police Department-Field Operations and Craig Hayton, Public Works-Parks Maintenance Manager, provided an overview and update regarding the Parks Security Pilot Program. The program uses private security guards from G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. and was implemented to address numerous concerns brought forward from community members regarding safety in neighborhood parks.

Commander Horn noted that since the October 2018 launch of the pilot in Hudson, Clark, Daley, Hollis, Meyer, Esquer, and Sixth Street Parks, calls for service have decreased 57%, street checks (Police Officer interactions with an individual that did not result in a citation or arrest) have decreased 40%, and arrest bookings (physical detention of an individual, resulting in an arrest through the booking process) have decreased 30%. This is still early in the evaluation period and ultimately the desired outcome is that the feeling of safety improves in parks based on the annual community survey. Tempe Police Department is attempting to provide a balanced approach with accountability and compassion in addressing concerns. Resident feedback seems to support this approach while understanding that arrests are appropriate when criminal violations occur.

G4S has demonstrated in other city locations, including the Library, that they are trusted professionals and are serving as a point of contact for park visitors, a positive visible presence to increase the feeling of safety and enjoyment in the park for all users and as an intermediate step prior to Police Department involvement. These security professionals help by monitoring the parks, educating park visitors, connecting people to services, mitigating situations to eliminate threats, and enforcing rules. If mitigation is unsuccessful, G4S will then ask the individual to leave the park for a 24-hour period. Should the situation be elevated, G4S is instructed to call Tempe Police to intervene.

Commander Horn emphasized that G4S security officers completed the La Frontera Empact Mental Health First Aid training, the same training that Tempe Police Officers receive. This training encompasses mental illness signs, symptoms, and communication strategies for de-escalation of situations. G4S also received training in Code of Conduct, documentation, and implicit bias and the Human Services Outreach Team and CARE 7 also provided training. G4S is open to additional training opportunities, conforms to a high level of accountability, and employs individuals who are highly trained, certified through the State, and capable of performing work that reflects Tempe's highest values.

The pilot program is ongoing and is just one approach being used to address safety issues. Data collection and examination regarding program performance is ongoing as well and includes park visitor and security guard feedback. Chief Moir is optimistic that the program will prove successful in addressing community concerns helping to enhance the overall feeling of safety in the parks, reduce harm, and foster trust.

In response to concerns regarding security officers being armed, Commander Horn explained that armed security guards were selected primarily because of the complex nature of the human interactions that occur in the parks. G4S security officers must receive an in-depth background examination, a higher level of certification and training through G4S and the State, and firearms-related training to be armed.

Craig Hayton, Parks Manager, noted that the city staff, Mayor and Council have worked together with residents to make a tremendous investment in the parks and continue to do so (we have more parks than square miles in the city) and parks are an important quality of life measure. Millions of dollars have been invested in the Parks Capital Improvements Plan to ensure they are usable, up-to-date, and safe.

### **Agenda Item 9 – State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops Planning Update**

Staff is continuing to finalize two to three workshop offerings. The event theme will be one of resident empowerment as well as recognition of the 25-year anniversary of the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant program and various examples of innovation, creativity and community building in neighborhoods. Commission members were reminded of the need to promote and encourage Neighborhood Award nominations which are due by February 20 at 5 pm. Staff will provide event promotional materials via email and printed copies as available for members to share with their contacts.

### **Agenda Item 10 - Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Equity in Action RFP Update (March or April)
- Neighborhood Award Nominations Group Review and Voting (March)
- Urban Core Masterplan (April or May when timing is appropriate)
- Census 2020

**Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas