

DRAFT Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
April 3, 2019



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

(MEMBERS) Present: Hannah Moulton Belec, Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Candyce Lindsay, Daniel Schugurensky, Zoe Stein, Maureen Utter

(MEMBERS) Absent: Mike D'Elena, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller

City Staff Present: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager

Guests Present: Councilmember Jennifer Adams, Mayor Mark Mitchell

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Garlid

Agenda Item 2 - Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of Minutes: March 6, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Granillo made a motion to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes as presented

Second: Commissioner Greenfield

Result: *The motion was passed unanimously by the 8 members present at that time in the meeting with a 8-0 vote.*

Commission Member Ayes:

Hannah Moulton Belec, Doreen Garlid, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Candyce Lindsay, Daniel Schugurensky, Zoe Stein, Maureen Utter

Commission Members Absent:

Mike D'Elena, Jonathan Gelbart, Barb Harris, Carol Shixue Hu, Kiyomi Kurooka, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller

Agenda Item 4 - Importance of neighborhood relationships and connections to City Council priorities and goals, Councilmember Jennifer Adams

Councilmember Adams shared her passion for connecting with and strengthening neighborhoods throughout Tempe emphasizing that each zip code area is unique from the others reflecting common interests as well as different priorities and needs. She is hosting "Join Jennifer" forums in each of the zip codes in Tempe and invited NAC members to attend. She thanked each NAC member for their service and expressed

interest in hearing what members are working on and how members are connecting with neighborhoods. She suggested using commission memos to Mayor/Council to communicate and better call out important and/or time sensitive input from the regular meeting minutes. She added that determining the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget is a current, time consuming priority of Mayor and Council.

Mayor Mark Mitchell also stopped by the meeting seconding the critical budget work taking place and emphasizing the rapid pace of State of Arizona legislative initiatives. The Mayor emphasized the importance of being aware and providing input regarding any legislative activity that could potentially adversely impact Tempe and other valley cities. Staff agreed to re-send the website link to the Government Relations website page.

Agenda Item 5 – Review of Commission purpose and goals

There was significant group discussion regarding the meaning and purpose of Neighborhood Advisory Commission's advisory role to Mayor and Council. Chair Garlid referred members to the commission purpose and goals packet memo. She noted her strong connection to the Tempe community, her ties to her Buena Vista Ranchos neighborhood including years of Homeowners Association Board service and expressed her desire to touch more people in her capacity as a NAC member and share information beyond her own neighborhood circle and channels.

Commissioner Lindsay explained that she lives in a less formally organized neighborhood area and passes along information and ideas in a more low-key, grass roots manner serving as a resource and sharing information gained through her commission activities to her Tempe neighborhood, church members, friends and co-workers. She enjoys encouraging awareness and participation to whatever level residents she encounters choose to engage and takes great pride in helping to host the State of the Neighborhoods event from workshop ideas to encouraging nominations to celebrating every nominee. She added that commission service has offered opportunities to provide input and suggestions early in the process for varied initiatives like Little Libraries, Accessory Dwelling Units and proposed pigeon ordinances.

Commissioner Hu agreed emphasizing that Neighborhood Services staff serve as a resource to neighborhoods throughout the city and that events like State of the Neighborhoods help to bring together, connect and celebrate individuals from many different neighborhoods. Commissioner Greenfield stated that she learns new things each meeting and passes along the information to her contacts. Commissioner Moulton Belec inquired how proactive can we be and how can we ensure Mayor/Council read minutes and memos?

Chair Garlid provided members an initial excel table she created of all Tempe Boards and Commission names, general meeting information and staff contacts. Staff advised that not all those bodies listed meet regularly or serve in the same capacity as advisory to Mayor and Council.

New commission member Stein noted her concern regarding the large number of children living in poverty in Tempe suggesting this issue might be something to explore addressing together with other boards and commissions. She offered to forward staff a video clip for sharing regarding a "running dinner" concept that has been used successfully in Germany. Broader umbrella topics such as neighborhood resilience and what healthy communities look like were also mentioned.

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission (composed of 15 members, appointed proportionately to the geographic proportion of population by zip codes) was established by Mayor and Council in November 2000 to advise the Mayor, Council and City departments by proposing and promoting programs and policies that preserve or enhance our neighborhoods and encourage a sense of community. Commission members were reminded that they represent themselves as individuals on the commission and are encouraged to provide perspective and feedback and personal thoughts on varied topics and issues that come before the group and are encouraged to bring forward common or holistic concerns they hear about through their own contacts and circles. Commissioner Stein suggested identifying a process for NAC members to reach out to neighborhood association contacts.

Staff will resend the link to the Board and Commissions Annual Reports to the NAC.

Agenda Item 6 – Census 2020 Update

Commissioners Granillo and Lindsay are both serving on the complete count committee and are impressed with the collaborative approach and the broad spectrum of representation. The outreach materials are being finalized pending a decision on the citizenship question. The complete count committee will help guide the effort to help educate and inform all community members of the importance of being counted. Outreach initiatives will include visiting community gathering places like hair and nail salons and laundromats.

Agenda Item 7 - State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops Planning Update

Staff distributed event flyers and post cards for sharing with member's Tempe contacts. Each NAC member was reminded to RSVP and to select a workshop offering. This will allow for post event feedback to include the workshops.

Agenda Item 8 NAC Meetings Calendar

A DRAFT example of a NAC Meetings Calendar was included in the meeting packet as a starting point. Confirmed agenda items will be noted for each month as well as upcoming prospective agenda items (to be confirmed when the timing is appropriate and key staff or external speakers are available).

Agenda Item 9 – Commission business – initial discussion regarding meeting day, time and location

Staff is in the process of looking at available, accessible options both in the downtown area and the library campus for the current meeting date of the first Wed. of each month. Staff noted that locating public meeting space can be challenging for a regular, standing monthly meeting. Once options are identified, commissioners will be polled to get member input on available choices.

Agenda Item 10 – Summary of current events by zip code areas

85282 – Commissioner Schugurensky noted more Broadmor Neighborhood social media posts reporting incidents related to property theft, vandalism and burglaries. Commissioner Granillo noted increased frequency of homelessness and she has been in communication with the newest HOPE Outreach Team member. Commissioner Greenfield inquired about the process for getting a new stop sign. Commissioner

Gelbart used the Council Communicator to draw attention to a peeling basketball paint hoop issue at Meyer Park.

85283 – Celaya Park improvements are coming along nicely

85284 – Chair Garlid noted some concerns regarding the increased traffic flow expected for the two developments going in on both the SE and SW corners of McClintock and Warner. One is a Cain’s chicken and the other is a drive thru lube shop.

Staff agreed to again forward the link to Development projects map and information.

Agenda Item 11 - Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Census 2020 (Ongoing as appropriate)
- Urban Core Masterplan Update (Review of DRAFT plan/May)
- Equity in Action Program Update (as more info. is available)
- Transportation/Levels of service at major intersections in Tempe in light of current construction, congestion, current and future increases in density, event traffic
- Recycling update
- More in depth commission member introductions
- How to register and comment on legislative bills
- Commission business (retreat date options, meeting location options)
- Outreach and collaboration with other Advisory to Mayor/Council Boards and Commissions
- Neighborhood Advisory Commission Goals (review of prior goals and outcomes, new goal setting as appropriate)
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update

Agenda Item 12 - Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner