

**DRAFT** Minutes  
Neighborhood Advisory Commission  
October 2, 2019



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at Hatton Hall, 34 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Hannah Moulton Belec, Jana Lynn Granillo, Jonathan Gelbart, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Richelle Miller, Daniel Schugurensky, Zoe Stein (via phone)

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Maureen Utter

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

**Guests Present:** Vivian Arriaga, Maura Billeaux, Kevin Brown, Linda Martin

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Vice Chair Gelbart

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

Maura Billeaux described her initiative for a Zoning and Development Code text amendment to address issues with section 3-102/Land Use/permitted use in residential districts. She would like consideration to be given to re-wording the ordinance from construction project to specify *construction project onsite*. She objects to residential lots being used to store equipment and materials for projects both taking place in and outside of neighborhoods and believes these lots are in effect being converted to a heavy equipment storage facility. This places an extra burden on adjacent residents and impacts their quality of life. She noted her intention to bring this issue forth to City Council and encouraged NAC members to consider doing so as well.

Linda Martin and Kevin Brown shared their involvement with Tempe Neighborhoods Together (TNT) and their desire to learn more about the Neighborhood Advisory Commission and possibility of partnerships around shared interests.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: September 4, 2019**

Commissioner Moulton Belec shared that she was incorrectly listed as present in the September 4 minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Granillo made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes with the one noted correction.

**Second:** Commissioner Schugurensky

**Result:** *The motion was passed unanimously by the 7 members present and Commissioner Stein via phone with a 8-0 vote.*

**Commission Member Ayes:** Hannah Moulton Belec, Jana Lynn Granillo, Jonathan Gelbart, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Richelle Miller, Daniel Schugurensky, Zoe Stein (via phone)

**Commission Members Absent:** Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Stephanie Greenfield, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Maureen Utter

#### **Agenda Item 4 – 2020 State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops Planning**

For varied print and outreach deadlines, it's important to start identifying potential topics and speakers between now and the November meeting. Staff can then begin following up and checking potential speaker interest and availability. The packet memo listed prior workshop topics offered since 2011 and as always, the 2020 State of the Neighborhoods event can have a theme or not. Commission members asked if a simple survey or open-ended question could go out in advance of the November commission meeting to gather suggestions about potential topics. Staff will create a survey and bring the results back to the November meeting.

Commissioner Belec suggested more opportunities to interact with others, perhaps through a panel or a networking session for neighborhood and HOA leaders or for City of Tempe Boards and Commission members. Commissioner Kurooka noted that the city used to host a recognition event for all Boards and Commission members. Other ideas included having participants sign up for general topics of interest (i.e. Arts) and then have them sit at tables with others who are interested in learning and talking more about that topic with or without a facilitator, the success of the recent Open Data workshop session was also mentioned and using the event to emphasize the importance of the Census through tabling and/or an informational poster. The overall theme of connecting was agreed upon.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Neighborhood Advisory Commission Goals**

Led by Vice Chair Gelbart, commission members participated in a lengthy and productive discussion to streamline year 2020 goals and identify potential strategies and activities to help achieve them. The Annual Report, which will include the new goals, will be due to the City Clerk's office in early December. Changes and refinements can be made through the November and December meetings as needed.

Commissioner Granillo reviewed prior commission meeting minutes goals related discussions and prepared an email outlining her suggestions. Staff distributed it as a handout and commissioners used it to help guide discussion.

The following two overarching goals were identified:

1. Conduct community outreach to increase awareness and engage residents in Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) meetings and activities.
  - A. Identify, Communicate and Engage with every Tempe neighborhood and homeowners' association over course of the year
  - B. Ensure maximum awareness of city initiatives and opportunities for public input, keep neighborhood and homeowners' associations informed
  - C. Raise NAC visibility, tabling, open house or networking breakfast at State of the Neighborhoods. Volunteer together for the Point in Time count or Tempe Cares, office hours.
2. Collaborate with City Government to achieve key community objectives.

- A. Create and implement a plan for collaborating with at least one other commission including meetings, inviting to State of the Neighborhoods and proposing a shared project.
- B. Improve two-way communication with Mayor and Council and submit at least one formal policy recommendation memo to them over the course of the year. This could be a joint statement with another commission on a shared issue.

Commissioners agreed to work on a short list of other commissions (those most relevant to NAC such as Parks/Rec, Transportation, Sustainability and Arts were mentioned) and potential projects at the November meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Summary of Current Events by Zip Code Areas**

85281-Oktoberfest, Tour de Fat, a neighbor reported street harassment and feeling less safe walking in neighborhood alone at night

85282-Virtue Vape was approved with some stipulations, new car wash opened and offered free car washes the first day, local restaurant Quartiere is closing, a joint neighborhood association G.A.I.N. party is planned at Meyer Park, lots of input regarding Meyer Park ramadas and playground, kudos to Care 7 and Hope Outreach Team for all their homeless outreach at Meyer park

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Future Agenda Items**

Commissioners briefly reviewed the proposed future meeting agenda items calendar. Parks staff would like to come to the November meeting with a Parks and Rec Master Plan Update. A Broadway Maker District overview and update was requested as a future agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner