



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission May 15, 2018

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Karyn Lathan, Chair
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley, Vice-Chair
Angel Carbajal
Patrick Foster
William Graham
Judith Homer
Jill Oliver
Kristen Scharlau

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ilene Dode
Beatrice "Bunny" Kastenbaum
Mary O'Grady

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Human Services Deputy Director
Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant II

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Karyn Lathan called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

No public appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of March 20, 2018 Minutes

Vice-Chair Peggy Tinsley noted she will send the Proposal to Establish Sustainable Funding to staff to be distributed to Mayor & Council

MOTION: Vice-Chair Peggy Tinsley moved to APPROVE the minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Kristen Scharlau.

DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and Approval of April 2, 2018 Minutes

Commission Member Jill Oliver noted she was present via telephone. Commission Member Angel Carbajal noted Chief Moir, Assistant Chief Buren and Assistant Chief Humble were present via telephone

MOTION: Vice-Chair Peggy Tinsely moved to **APPROVE** the minutes as amended.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Angel Carbajal.

DECISION: Minutes unanimously **APPROVED** as amended.

Agenda Item 6 – Chair Remarks

The Commission introduced themselves to the recently appointed At-Large Member William Graham. William gave a brief overview of his career history as it relates to family justice.

Agenda Item 7 – Commission Updates

Deputy Director Paul Bentley reported the innovation grant for the Re-entry Assistance Program (REAP) was approved by Mayor & Council. Paul thanked the Commission for their support and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Agenda Item 8 – CARE7 and Lyft Collaborative Discussion

Commission Member Kristen Scharlau met with the Southwest General Manager of Lyft, Drena Kusari and discussed obstacles CARE7 has faced with providing emergency transportation for victims. Drena will provide both an app and web-based solution specific for CARE7 Victim Advocates to utilize. Drena provided alternative solutions for non-emergency situations at a discounted cost through a web-based portal. Commission Member Patrick Foster shared Lyft and Arizona State University (ASU) has also recently partnered.

Agenda Item 9 – Social Media Presence for the Tempe Family Justice Commission

The Commission discussed different ways to build a social media presence through volunteers. Paul suggested presenting to the Communication and Media Relations Manager, Nikki Ripley to create a partnership. The Commission will identify its objective before compiling a presentation/proposal. Angel noted if the commission is wanting to bring awareness (safety messages, Domestic Violence Awareness month etc.), the Police Department's social media could be utilized. Staff will invite Nikki Ripley to a future meeting. William also suggested reaching out to the Tempe Fire Department.

Agenda Item 10 – Police Department Update

Angel provided an update to the Commission on crime statistics. Mesa Police Department has partnered with Tempe Police to conduct a study looking at brain injuries in domestic violence victims. The study will also include test results provided by HonorHealth forensic nurses screening for balance and hand-eye coordination.

Mesa's Human Trafficking unit recently reached out to Patrick and reported a trend where sex traffickers were targeting college parties or college aged students.

Agenda Item 11 – CARE7 Update

CARE7 is currently recruiting for a licensed counselor to provide therapy for crime victims. Lori Robinson, CARE7 Trauma Informed Care Trainer is working with Kris to create a program where students in Tempe can self-report. Kris met a Firefighter from Buffalo, NY at a training in California and has been shadowing Victim Advocates. He has expressed how impressed he is with the services Tempe provides to victims.

Agenda Item 12 – Review and Discuss Strategic Plan

The Commission agreed to refresh the Strategic Plan and schedule an all-day retreat in June. Commission Members will submit a list of preferred stakeholders to staff no later than May 29, 2018, the Chair and Vice-Chair will review and extend invitations as appropriate. Once a stakeholder list is established, staff will distribute a doodle poll for a consensus on member availability.

Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda Items – ~~June 19, 2018~~ July 19, 2018

The Commission agreed to meet in ~~June~~ July for an all-day Strategic Planning Retreat in lieu of the regular scheduled Commission Meeting

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment

MOTION: Vice-Chair Peggy Tinsely moved to adjourn the meeting
SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Angel Carbajal
DECISION: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting will be on ~~June 19, 2018~~ July 19, 2018

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Karyn Lathan, Chair