



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission January 19, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 19, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair
Patricia Riggs
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Kristen Scharlau
Megan Brown
Robin Nelson
Jill Oliver
Jeanette Costa
Josie Montenegro
Mark Perkovich

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Ami Johnson, Administrative Assistant II+
Anastasia Stinchfield, Victim Services Coordinator
Nick Ells, Fire Deputy Chief

Public Appearances

None Present

Guest Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of December 8, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley moved to APPROVE the December 8, 2020 minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Jeanette Costa; Motion passed on a 11-0 Vote

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Robin Nelson, Megan Brown, Mark Perkovich, Kristen Scharlau, Jill Oliver, Josie Montenegro and Jeanette Costa.

ABSENT:

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Agenda Item 6 – Welcome New and Re-Appointed Commissioners

- Chair Mary O'Grady thanked past Chair Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley for her years of service as Chair, and her continued service as a Commission Member. Mary O'Grady also welcomed new Commission Member Mark Perkovich. Commission Members then introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 7 – Discuss and Establish the 2021 Calendar of Family Justice Commission Awareness and Prevention Memorandums

- Commission members discussed continued emphasis on three specific awareness months: Human Trafficking Awareness Month (January), Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (April) and Domestic Violence and Prevention Month (October).
- Commission Member Kristen Scharlau proposed to add Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February) to next year's calendar and memorandum list. Suggestions on how to promote awareness in February included Commission Member Josie Montenegro suggesting she will look into highlighting on the Police Department's social media.

Agenda Item 8 – Discuss and Create Outline for the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum

- Mary O'Grady offered to create outline for memorandum based on the Commission's discussions. Some topics to be added and/or include updated data are COVID based data, the Family Advocacy Center planning process and discussion on changes made due to budget adjustments.

Agenda Item 9 – Family Advocacy Center Discussion

- The feedback discussed by the Commission in December was given to the developers to continue the Community Center Complex planning process. Deputy Human Services Director Paul Bentley updated the group with two items:
 - Update 1: There are two main options considered in the current planning process. The first is to expand the current Pyle Center to become the new Human Services complex inclusive of the Family Advocacy Center. The second is a new Human Services complex with the Family Advocacy Center included. Both options have been designed to promote privacy, security, and safety.
 - Update 2: The City of Tempe Mayor and two City Council Members will be presented with a short-term option in January 2021, to get a Family Advocacy Center up and running as soon as possible. This includes findings and recommendations such as cost estimates to move forward.

Agenda Item 10 – Tempe Police Department's Quarterly/Annual Data Report

- Commission Member Josie Montenegro presented and reviewed Tempe Police Department's Quarterly/Annual Data Report.

Agenda Item 11 – CARE 7's Quarterly/Annual Data Report

- Kristen Scharlau presented and reviewed the CARE 7 Quarterly Report for discussion and input.

Agenda Item 12 – Review and Confirm Annual Report Goals for 2021

- Mary O’Grady reviewed the goals for 2021 on the Family Justice Commission Annual Report

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Next meeting will be on February 16, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Ami Johnson

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission