



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission February 16, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 16, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Kristen Scharlau
Patricia Riggs
Robin Nelson

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Ami Johnson, Administrative Assistant II+
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 4:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of January 19, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley moved to APPROVE the January 19, 2021 minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Josie Montenegro; Motion passed on a 7-0 Vote

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley, Megan Brown, Mark Perkovich, Josie Montenegro and Jeanette Costa.

ABSENT: Kristen Scharlau, Jill Oliver, Patricia Riggs, Robin Nelson

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Agenda Item 6 – Discuss, Edit and Possible Action for the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum

- Chair Mary O’Grady drafted a memorandum to present to Mayor and Council for April – Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The memo was shared and opened to the group for feedback.

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

- Chair Mary O’Grady proposed to group the following awareness and prevention months to submit memorandums to Council: Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month (January), Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (February), Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April), and Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

Agenda Item 8 – Family Advocacy Center Discussion

- Paul Bentley updated the Commission on the Family Advocacy Center. Information including the long-term plans, budget estimates, details of space and other needs for the implementation of a short-term solution will be officially and formally presented to Mayor and Council on March 18th at 4 PM. This will be a public meeting and the opportunity for feedback from the community is welcome.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates

- Commission Member Margaret ‘Peggy’ Tinsley updated the Commission on a positive outcome in regard to a case concerning improving the system for children in foster care.
- Commission Member Mark Perkovich updated the Commission that the Family Violence Center at ASU was recently notified they will be providing technical assistance and other resources to the Violence Against Women project, along with other local partnerships, that is taking place all across the country.

Agenda Item 10– Adjournment

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

Next meeting will be on March 16, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Ami Johnson

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission