



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission October 19, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 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
Josie Montenegro
Jeanette Costa
Megan Lindsay Brown
Robin Nelson
Mark Perkovich

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jill Oliver

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Terrisa Mays, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

None

Guest Appearances

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

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of September 28, 2021, Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Jeanetta Costa moved to APPROVE the September 28, 2021, minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Peggy Tinsley; Motion passed unanimously

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

ABSENT: Jill Oliver

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Agenda Item 6 – 2021 Accomplishments Discussion and Selection for Annual Report

- Paul Bentley lead Commission in discussion of Annual Report for 2021.
- The Commission makes edits to Annual Report to clarify and report their accomplishments for the year.
- Staff to make further edits as discussed.
- Commission to review and finalize report at December meeting.

MOTION: Commission Member Margaret ‘Peggy’ Tinsley moved to APPROVE the first draft of. 2021 Annual Report

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Ilene Dode

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Margaret ‘Peggy’ Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Robin Nelson, Jeanette Costa, Kristen Scharlau, Megan Lindsay Brown and Josie Montenegro.

ABSENT: Mark Perkovich, Jill Oliver

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 7 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Implementation Discussion

- Commission discussed prioritization of goals and guest speakers for 2022.
- Commission to prioritize identify opportunities for funding and donations for the Family Advocacy Center.
- Commission to explore City of Tempe PIO, representative from Diversity and Inclusion Department and to come as speaker to upcoming Commission meetings.
- Kris Scharlau to share ACJC report with the Commission.
- The strategic plan review and update will be made a regular agenda item for the Commission.

Agenda Item 8 – Family Advocacy Center Update and Discussion

- Paul Bentley reported significant progress is being made with Family Advocacy Center.
- Staff has identified a location and has had meetings with the owner and discussed space planning and lease agreement to ensure the facility meets the needs of the City.
- Meeting scheduled for October 20 with owner and architect to develop the formalized plan to be presented with lease agreement on November 9 for Mayor and Council approval.
- Tempe Leadership has selected the Family Advocacy Center for their class project.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates

- Kris Sharlau informed the Commission that October 21, 2021 is Purple Thursday in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Mary O’Grady participated in a call with the City of Tempe about support for Boards and Commissions.
- Paul Bentley informs Commission that the domestic violence memorandum submitted to Mayor and Council and Mayor Woods presented a proclamation about Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness, recognizing the work conducted by the Family Justice Commission and Care 7.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

- Third Quarter FJC Report
- Elections (Completed by December 2021)
- Annual Report (Completed by December 2021)
- In Person Meetings

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.
Next meeting will be on November 16, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Terrisa Mays
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission