

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission January 5, 2022



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, first hybrid meeting with in-person attendance option and a virtual component using Microsoft Teams platform

(MEMBERS) Present: Brandon Abrahams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Maureen Eastty, Annette Fields, Jana Lynn Granillo, Diane Harden, Barb Harris, Linda Knutson, Melanie Larimer, Nancy Puffer, Mark Rude, Daniel Schugurensky, Joel Stern

(MEMBERS) Absent: Christopher McCabe, Nicholas Weller

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

Guests: Amy K.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Hannah Moulton Belec

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance Roll Call

Present: Brandon Abrahams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Maureen Eastty, Annette Fields, Jana Lynn Granillo, Diane Harden, Barb Harris, Linda Knutson, Melanie Larimer, Nancy Puffer, Mark Rude, Daniel Schugurensky, Joel Stern

Absent: Christopher McCabe, Nicholas Weller

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

Amy expressed concerns about recycling and excessive paper and cardboard waste in packaging that is even more pronounced during the holiday season. She suggested that multi-housing unit residents be invited to the Neighborhood Celebration and that event flyers be posted at community centers in brochure racks and on buses.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2021

Motion: Commissioner Rude made a motion to approve the December 1 minutes as presented.

Second: Commissioner Harris

Result: Approved by a 12-1 vote

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Maureen Eastty, Annette Fields, Diane Harden, Barb Harris, Linda Knutson, Melanie Larimer, Nancy Puffer, Mark Rude, Daniel Schugurensky, Joel Stern

Abstention: Jana Lynn Granillo

Absent: Christopher McCabe, Nicholas Weller

Agenda Item 5 – Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Melanie expressed her willingness to continue serving as Vice Chair and mentioned Nicholas Weller as a candidate. Joel Stern was also noted as a Vice Chair candidate. There were no additional nominations for Chair.

Motion: Commissioner Harden made a motion for Hannah Moulton Belec to remain as Chair.

Second: Commissioner Larimer

Result: Approved by a 13-0 vote

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Maureen Eastty, Annette Fields, Jana Lynn Granillo, Diane Harden, Barb Harris, Linda Knutson, Melanie Larimer, Nancy Puffer, Mark Rude, Daniel Schugurensky, Joel Stern

Absent: Christopher McCabe, Nicholas Weller

Motion: Commissioner Granillo made a motion for Joel Stern as Vice Chair.

Second: Commissioner Harden

Result: Approved by a 13-0 vote

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Maureen Eastty, Annette Fields, Jana Lynn Granillo, Diane Harden, Barb Harris, Linda Knutson, Melanie Larimer, Nancy Puffer, Mark Rude, Daniel Schugurensky, Joel Stern

Absent: Christopher McCabe, Nicholas Weller

Agenda Item 6 – Welcome and introduction of new members

New commissioners Brandon Abrahams (85281), Annette Fields (8528#) and Nancy Puffer (85283) introduced themselves to their fellow commission members. Every member in turn shared their name, neighborhood area, duration of service and favorite place to have coffee or tea.

Agenda Item 7 – 2022 Neighborhood Celebration Event Planning Update

See also 2022 Neighborhood Celebration event planning update memo provided in the meeting packet. Chair Moulton Belec reminded members to save the Neighborhood Celebration event date on their calendars and to invite their neighbors and friends. The event will be at Kiwanis Park in the Fiesta Ramadas area from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with set up activities prior. Members were asked to prioritize helping promote nominations far and wide through their networks and to emphasize the new categories. NAC's opt in list will also be used, in addition to all of the city's typical channels. (The meeting packet included the 2021 event social media promotion and other outreach.) Nominations for all categories are now open through February 15 at

www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodcelebration

The re-imagined gathering is intended to be more informal and to provide more time and opportunities to network. There will not be a State of the Neighborhoods type address. Mayor Woods will emcee the celebration helping to recognize award winners and to direct and encourage participation in the available activities immediately following the awards. Boards and Commission members will be on hand to share information about their work plans and encourage engagement - Sustainability & Resilience, Human Relations and Arts and Culture are all being asked to participate in tabling.

Neighborhood and HOA leaders and event organizers will be sharing information, answering questions and providing inspiration for others to create their own successful neighborhood and community events. Vice Chair Joel Stern confirmed that the following three events will be represented and highlighted:

- Ditch music sessions
- Tempe Neighborhoods Together (TNT) food drive
- Neighborhood Olympics

Staff prepared a list of prior awardees who will receive personal invites and be recognized with buttons or stickers at the event. Event graphics signs will be made by city's Print Shop and homemade creations are also welcomed to help create a relaxed and celebratory vibe. A site visit is being planned for members serving on the planning committee, any NAC member interested can attend.

Agenda Item 8 – Communication and Grants Working Group Updates

The December 6 Grants working group notes were emailed out to members shortly before the January meeting. Commissioner Harden confirmed the notes looked accurate. Chair Moulton Belec proposed no January working group meetings due to the addition of the January 10 joint meeting with Sustainability & Resilience Commission. Members who rsvp'd yes previously were reminded to attend virtually to ensure quorum and the meeting start time of 4:30 pm was again noted.

Commissioner Harris shared that both Communications working group requests, one highlighting the neighborhood nominations being open and the other mentioning the grants survey were included in the Tempe Today (water bill newsletter) helping to generate awareness. Staff will encourage Communications and Media Relations team to use professional photos from the 2021 neighborhood awards for future posts. The opt-in list is temporarily less the focus as the other items are both more time sensitive. Missing contacts can potentially be located through other means like facebook.

Commissioner Knutson described mentors for neighborhood grants as not duplicating what staff does already, more like encouragement for newbies or those who don't know where or how to start. She has five prior successful applicants willing to assist and is connecting with Shauna to discuss how they can be most helpful.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

Memo provided in meeting packet with dates and known agenda items through April 6 regular meeting. Nothing additional was proposed at this meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57p.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas