



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission May 17, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 17, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Anastasia Stinchfield
Jeanette Costa
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Patricia Riggs
Jill Oliver
Josie Montenegro
Robin Nelson
Bjorg LeSueur

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ilene Dode, Vice Chair
Mark Perkovich

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Jorge Benavente, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

Guest Appearances

Caroline Monica
Kimberly Frick

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Attendance was taken; some commission members were not present at the given time, though they arrived later. Commissioners Perkovich and Dode were unable to attend.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

The guest made no public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of April 19, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Commission member Jill Oliver moved to APPROVE on April 19, 2022 Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Jeanette Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Commission Members Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Josie Montenegro, Anastasia Stinchfield, Robin Nelson, and Bjorg LeSueur

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Mark Perkovich

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair O'Grady did not have any remarks at the moment.

Agenda Item 6 – Welcome New Commission Bjorg Lesueur

The commission is excited to welcome its newest member, Bjorg LeSueur. She is a clinical faculty at ASU; she has a background in early childhood education. The commissioners are eager to have her insights, and they look forward to working together

Agenda Item 7 – Arizona State University Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Prevention Program Presentation and Discussion

Through commissioner Oliver, the commission welcomed two guests from Arizona State University's Counseling & Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention(SRVP) sector, Caroline Monica and Kimberly Frick.

-**Caroline Monica** spoke in-depth on the School's role in supporting mental health across its campuses. There are multiple ways ASU tries to help students. Some divisions help students with long-term care find help around the valley, and others focus on supporting students in emergencies and same-day support. These structures are staffed with highly trained and certified public and mental health professionals. Individuals seeking help are also given the opportunity to speak to someone who can recognize and understands their intersectionality. Another way ASU is trying to help its community is by supporting and promoting programs like Devils-4-Devils, online peer-led conversations. The tools available at ASU are extensive and vary greatly, but they are committed to helping individuals.

-**Kimberly Frick** spoke in-depth on ASU's Sexual and Relationship Violence Program. She touches upon the program's longevity and how ASU requires students to learn about the topic in-depth. This preventative education is taught on campuses, and it is required from athletes, social clubs, and dorm supervisors. SRVP believes that educating students and empowering them to call out and prevent abuse is key to decreasing abuse. Additionally, SRVP tries to support individuals through support systems and online resources. These resources take advantage of tools offered by the COT and do a lot to support students in any given situation they may find themselves in.

The commission was enthusiastic following the presentations, and they were excited by the extensive role it has tried to take on

Agenda Item 8 –Victim Awareness Campaign – Public Space Signage Update – Commission Member Jeanette Costa

Commissioner Costa presented the rough draft of a poster for victims' advocacy of domestic abuse in public spaces. She has been working with the City's PIOs to produce this poster but mentioned that it is still being worked on. Commissioner Costa mentions the need to have inclusive material that victims can notice.

-Commissioners reacted positively to the work that has been produced; their suggestions were centered around wording and visual cues that might help victims recognize their reality.

Agenda Item 9 – Discuss and Plan Department of Child Safety Presentation

Commissioner Tinsley suggested that Katherine Guffey of Arizona's Department of Child Safety may be the right person to present to the commission.

Agenda Item 10 – Family Advocacy Center Update and Discussion

The task force has found a promising location. The task force toured the location and discussed the floor plans; the task force and location owner are moving quickly with a potential lease agreement. Council and Mayor must first approve this agreement. If approved, the center hopes it can open sometime in the fall of 2022.

Agenda Item 11 – Discuss and Plan Future Meeting Attendance Options

Next month, the commission will have its first meeting in person (with hybrid options) in the second-floor's conference room at Tempe Library.

Agenda Item 12 – Summer Schedule Discussion and Decision

The commission floated around a couple of potential periods when to have the commission's annual retreat and when the commission's future goals will be discussed

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Member Updates

Commissioners took turns introducing themselves to Commissioner LeSueur.

Agenda Item 14 –Future Agenda Items

Hybrid meeting June 21~(?)
Tempe Mill Project, economic development
Child safety guest speaker
Victim Awareness Campaign – Public Space Signage Update

Agenda Item 15– Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner moved to ADJOURNMENT the meeting

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Jeanette Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Commission Members Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Josie Montenegro, Anastasia Stinchfield, Robin Nelson, and Bjorg LeSueur

ABSENT: Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Mark Perkovich

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.
The next meeting will be on June 21, 2022.

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Benavente
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
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