



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission August 16, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, August 16, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library conference room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice Chair
Patricia Riggs
Jeanette Costa
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Jill Oliver
Mark Perkovich
Bjorg LeSueur
Anastasia Stinchfield
William Cullins-proxy for Commission Josie Montenegro

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Josie Montenegro
Robin Nelson

City Staff Present:

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

Public Appearances

There were no individuals present for Public Appearance

Guest Appearances

Kristen Scharlau-Human Services Manager

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commissioners Nelson and Montenegro were unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public comments.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley moved to APPROVE on July 19, 2022, Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Vice-Chair Ilene Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Commissioners Mark Perkovich, Patricia Riggs, Jeanette Costa, Jill Oliver, and Bjorg LeSueur

ABSENT: Robin Nelson and Josie Montenegro

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair O'Grady briefly commented on the Commission's future, particularly its future leadership and memberships.

Agenda Item 6 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Review and Discussion - Human Services Manager Kris Scharlau and Commission Member Anastasia Stinchfield

-Commissioner Stinchfield began her remarks by discussing the role of the Human Services Department at the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) and what services the COT will offer. She also mentioned the active partnerships based out of FAC. Moreover, if outside agencies like Arizona DCS require a space to work with victims, the FAC plans consider this.

-HS Manager Scharlau discussed and presented the current iteration of the FAC floor plans. She highlighted the building's sections used by Tempe's & ASU's PDs and Human Services. She gave a detailed explanation of particular choices in design. The logic expressed by the plans shows a thorough awareness of how victims' needs can change, and the plans intend to provide a safe place for them. This said, Mrs. Scharlau, is clearly open to modifications that may arise.

-Mrs. Scharlau also discussed the amount of information that will be provided to the public. Since FAC is geared as a safe place for victims, it follows that its location information is greatly limited to the public. Moreover, the current policies and procedures guiding the FAC as a facility, and the programs offered, are still being crafted. Nevertheless, starting from its opening, the facility will be equipped to assist victims of all different stripes. Finally, Mrs. Scharlau expressed great hope for all the benefits that FAC will provide and how it can be a piece of the greater Tempe tapestry of proactive protective services.

Agenda Item 7 – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Draft Memorandum Review and Discussion – Commission Member Peggy Tinsley

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft memorandum produced by Commissioner Tinsley. The draft will be edited, and any unknown facts or figures will be updated.

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

Commissioner Costa updated the Commission on her progress with the production of signage for the Victim Awareness Campaign. She mentioned that her civically minded neighbor is a graphic designer who can assist her in crafting the public signage. Moreover, she is still in contact with COT's PIOs

Agenda Item 9 – Tempe Police Department Quarterly Data Review

To give the data review section the respect it demands, chairperson O'Grady opted to move this discussion onto September's meeting

Agenda Item 10 – Discuss and Plan Future Strategic Planning Retreat

Commissioners and Mr. Bentley discussed the needs, the duties, and the outcome needed from the future Strategic Planning Retreat. The Commission will aim to have this retreat sometime at the end of September. A poll will be conducted to find an appropriate time

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Member Updates

No major updates given

Agenda Item 12 –Future Agenda Items

Hybrid meeting August 16, 2022 – Conference Boardroom Tempe Library and Microsoft Teams

Agenda Item 13– Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Vice Chair Ilene Dode moved to ADJOURNMENT the meeting

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Jill Oliver; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commissioners Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley, Mark Perkovich, Patricia Riggs, and Bjorg LeSueur

ABSENT: Robin Nelson and Josie Montenegro

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

The next meeting will be on September 20, 2022.

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Benavente

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission