

DRAFT Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
March 1, 2023



Draft minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, hybrid meeting with in-person attendance option and a virtual component using Microsoft Teams platform

(MEMBERS) Present: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

(MEMBERS) Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

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

Guests: Amy McNamara

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Stern
Introduce and Welcome new member Duane Washkowiak

Agenda Item 2 - Attendance Roll Call

Per City Clerk, this separate roll call is not needed.

(MEMBERS) Present: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

(MEMBERS) Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

Agenda Item 3 - Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4 - Review and approval of meeting minutes: February 1, 2023 NAC Meeting

Motion: Vice Chair Hagen made a motion to approve the Feb. 1 minutes as presented.

Second: Commissioner Kozel seconded the motion

Result: Minutes were approved by a vote of 11 - 0

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall

Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, *Duane Washkowiak (arrived shortly after this vote was taken), Nicholas Weller

Agenda Item 5 - Neighborhood Award Nominations - Group Discussion and Voting

Seven total nominations were received. The breakdown by category is as follows:
(3) Neighbor of the Year

- (1) Neighborhood Event of the Year
- (1) Neighborhood-Friendly Business of the Year
- (1) Neighborhood of the Year

One NOTY nomination was not considered due to having received Chuck Malpede honor (reflecting longevity of service to neighborhood and community in 2020).

Chair Stern suggested members share their scores for the Neighbor of the Year category only, sole category with multiple nominations. Each member present in turn provided their three initial ratings.

Motion: Commissioner Carraway made a motion to recognize Mike Bell as the 2023 Neighbor of the Year Award Winner

Second: Commissioner Melcher

Result: Motion was approved by a vote of 12 - 0

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

Commissioners noted the service of the other two Neighbor of the Year candidates and in keeping with prior years chose to honor each with an honorable mention.

Commissioners then discussed the Neighborhood of the Year nomination. The strength of the nomination drew praise with members noting the sense of community created, abundant resident testimonials, collaborations with businesses and creative offerings such as yoga in the park.

Motion: Commissioner Kozel made a motion to recognize Estate La Colina as Neighborhood of the Year

Second: Vice Chair Hagen

Result: Motion was approved by a vote of 12 - 0

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

The nomination for Neighborhood Event was then discussed. Members commented on the unusual, comprehensive, musical and inspiring nomination.

Motion: Commissioner Granillo made a motion to recognize the Celebration of Life for Paul Cardone event, P.C. Day, as Neighborhood Event of the Year

Second: Commissioner Wall

Result: Motion was approved by a vote of 12 - 0

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, Gabe Hagen, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

The nomination for Neighborhood-Friendly Business was then discussed. Vice Chair Hagen offered that he met owner Melissa Harlan at the inaugural Neighborhood Celebration event last year and formed a fast friendship bonding over their shared sense of community. He encouraged her to submit this year.

Motion: Commissioner Moulton Belec made a motion to recognize Drink Me! Tea Room as Neighborhood-Friendly Business of the Year

Second: Commissioner Wall

Result: Motion was approved by a vote of 11 - 1 - 0

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Kriste Melcher, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Suri Wall, Duane Washkowiak

Abstention: Vice Chair Hagen

Absent: Brandon Abrahams, Annette Fields, Nicholas Weller

Chair Stern, Vice Chair Hagen and Commissioner Moulton Belec each noted their initial ask for this cycle - emphasizing NAC members role in nominating or actively encouraging nominations, each noting this can prove challenging to implement. Quality of nominations is also important.

Agenda Item 6 - 2023 Neighborhood Celebration Updates and Day-of sign ups

An event updates memo was included in the meeting packet. Members briefly discussed ideas (at check in, and after you pin your neighborhood/HOA/apt community on the map, and when you sign up online for more information on reactivation or starting a neighborhood association*) for raffle tickets distribution for prize drawings.

*As suggested, staff will look into adding a QR code to the day of agenda signage linking to an online form for tracking and follow up.

Members indicated their willingness to help with set up, welcome station and take down day of tasks. A sign-up form will be created and emailed out to members to record volunteer commitments. Some members have family members who can assist as well.

Agenda Item 7 -Proposed Future Agenda Items

Scooters - blocking sidewalks and right-of-way, not being picked up by companies

Culdesac - learn more about this community

Downtown Tempe Refresh

Transportation Updates - especially plans for Orbits and neighborhoods

Environmental Quality - new construction, "Tempe Snow"

Airbnb - yard parking, out of state owners - maybe later in year after new rules have been in effect to gauge impact?

United Against Hate - how to identify and report hate crimes

Agenda Item 14 - Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner