
Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission January 2, 2013

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on January 2, 2013 5:30 p.m. – 7:05 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Joe Agins, Nancy Buell, Kiyomi Kurooka, Nancy Lesko, Josephine McNamara, Robert Miller, Jon Mulford, Bill Munch, Russ Plieseis, Julie Ramsey, Mary Robinson, John Sanborn, Christopher Ware.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: John Chester, Ann Lynn DiDomenico, Britney Scott Kaufman, Kari Rosson-Bates, Scott, Smas, Bill Wagner.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: December 5, 2012

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the December 5, 2012 minutes and Commissioner Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 ayes and one abstention due to absence from the December meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Officers

Commissioner Plieseis made a motion to approve the nomination of Vice Chair McNamara as Chair and Commissioner Miller as Vice Chair for the Neighborhood Advisory Commission for the 2013 calendar year. Commissioner Buell seconded the motion. The motion passed with three abstentions and 11 ayes.

Agenda Item 5 – Introduction of Newly Appointed Commission Members

Commissioners introduced themselves and provided their zip codes.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Purpose, Benchmarking and Goals

Commissioners briefly reviewed the 2012 goals and metrics. The Mayor appointed Councilmembers Granville and Navarro to the Neighborhood and Education Council Committee. To assist the Commission in setting new goals, the Councilmembers will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the committee's strategic priorities.

The suggestion was made that the commission be represented at future Council Committee meetings. Those that attend can then report back to the commission. Schedules permitting, Commissioners Pliesis and Miller volunteered to attend the next Neighborhood and Education Council Committee meeting. Staff agreed to email out notice of the meeting to all members.

Agenda Item 7 – Selection of Neighborhood Award Recipients

Commissioner Lesko made a motion to select Karyn Gitlis as the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year award recipient and Millie Maxton as the Neighbor of the Year award recipient. Commissioner Mulford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All other nominees will receive an honorable mention.

Commissioner Lesko made a motion to select the Ellertson-Wilson Community Garden as the Golden Shovel award recipient and the Cody/Youngbull residence as the Property Beautification award recipient. Commissioner Munch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All other nominees will receive an honorable mention.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to amend the Alley Upkeep Award policy to reflect the other awards and to recognize one Alley Upkeep award winner with the possibility of awarding a Golden Rake Award if there was a deserving property with all other nominees to be recognized as honorable mention. Commission Agins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to select the Krugen property as the Golden Rake award recipient and the Barger property as the Alley Upkeep award recipient. Commissioner Mulford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Selection of Neighborhood Workshop Topics

The Commission discussed possible workshop topics. Commissioner Adams made a motion to offer the following workshops at the April 13 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards: 1) Community Gardens; 2) Panel of neighborhood leaders to discuss how to lead and beautify a neighborhood; 3) City of Tempe and Arizona State University; and 4) Sustainability in our Community. Staff will begin follow up to identify potential speakers and panel members.

Agenda Item 9 – General Plan 2040 Community Working Group Update

This item was tabled.

Agenda Item 10 – Proposed Agenda Items for February 6, 2013 Meeting

This item was tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager