

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Neighborhood Advisory Commission**  
**November 5, 2014**

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on November 5, 2014 5:35-7:05 p.m., at 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 31 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Cole Hickman, Kiyomi Kurooka, Nancy Lesko, Robert Miller, Bill Munch, Julie Ramsey, Joaquin Rios, Scott Smas, Bill Wagner Christopher Ware.

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absences:** Arlene Chin, Josephine McNamara, Jon Mulford, Russ Plieseis

**City Staff Present:** Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager, John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Director – Field Operations, 480-350-8949, john\_osgood@tempe.gov

**Guests Present:** None.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: October 1, 2014**

Commissioner Lesko made a motion to approve the October 1, 2014 minutes and Commissioner Ware seconded the motion. The motion passed with ten affirmative votes and two abstentions due to absence.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review of Solid Waste Code**

John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Director – Field Operations, confirmed, as commissioners had requested and identified as a priority goal, that moving forward when solid waste code changes and/or major service or operational changes are being considered, solid waste staff will come to NAC to discuss and get commissioner input on the front end of the exploration process.

John provided an overview of the solid waste code and shared areas of the code that had been identified for prioritization and improvement in the past either through Council Committees,

public input or staff prior to the economic downturn. These areas included bulk collection service, recycling participation and non-participant requirements, and requirements for removing collection bins from curb after collection. Other areas that may or may not have code implications that are continuing to be re-examined and considered for greater emphasis include: recycling in multi-family settings, continued education and awareness regarding recycling do's and don'ts, targeted audits both acknowledging residents who exemplify best practices as well identifying geographic areas where contamination is high.

Commissioners inquired about the process for implementing recycling in multi-family units. John noted the specific information including a form is available on the website. The first contact by a multi-family resident seeking recycling should be with the property manager. If the management is unresponsive or needs more information and education regarding the benefits, solid waste staff can be asked to make contact with them.

Commissioners asked if the city can mandate that developments provide recycling containers onsite. John noted that at this point in Arizona there is no mandated recycling and resident buy in is a critical component of success. He affirmed that when done correctly, recycling can potentially reduce solid waste expenses. Control over materials and potential contamination remain big issues in multi-family complexes. Upon further discussion, commissioners requested that thought be given to requiring recycling containers for multi-family in code and that new development potentially be mandated to provide locations for recycling as they are mandated to provide locations for trash. Other suggestions included locating recycling containers further away from buildings with trash containers closer to encourage thoughtful recycling and potentially limit contamination and to list recycling do's and don'ts at least once a year in Tempe Today.

John added that additional possibilities that remain under discussion and consideration in the future could include Pay As You Throw systems-variable pricing structures for alley pick up versus curb side service or different size bins. Specific to alleys, there are many variables involved such as size and condition of alleys, neighborhood residents' feelings about their alley, location of alleys and repurposing desires or possibilities.

#### **Agenda Item 5 - Solid Waste Operational Update –**

In response to significant and sustained community input directed to Solid Waste staff and Mayor and Council regarding the current schedule, beginning in January 2015, the mixed bulk waste and green organics collection schedule and program is changing. To better meet residents' needs, six mixed bulk collections (every other month) and three optional, seasonal green organic collections (spring, summer and fall on three of those mixed bulk collection months) will be made available for those who want to participate in the City's green-organics-to-compost program. Those residents with alley service will be asked to place green organics pile in the alley separate from their bulk trash pile and those with curb service will be asked to place their pile at the curb, separate from mixed trash. Palms, oleanders and grass cannot be composted and should continue to be treated as bulk waste.

Potential Pilot program possibilities that were researched by Solid Waste staff and presented and discussed at the October 20 Committee of the Whole included: 1) moving existing curbside black can trash collection to one side of street collection, 2) moving recycling bins to one side of street collection, 3) moving alley collection to street and 4) collecting trash and recycling bins on the

same day. John will update the commission if and when any of these pilot program opportunities is further considered for implementation.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Zoning and Development Code Amendments Status and Language Updates**

Staff confirmed the amendments went before the Development Review Commission but the outcome was not confirmed in advance of the NAC meeting. Commissioners commented that in the changes in residential animals provision, the ordinance wording was different than what is typically provided. Usually what is prohibited is spelled out with what is allowed being implied - this provision notes allowable behavior (i.e. allowable animals). Staff agreed to verify with Ryan Levesque but perhaps this is due to the need to spell out allowable animals and quantities for same.

Commissioners also discussed the proposed final language for Planned Area Development (PAD) Section of the Zoning and Development Code. Commissioners again noted their strong concern pertaining to allowed timeframes. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, that applications for Planned Area Development that have not moved through the Development Plan Review process after two years be **automatically revoked** rather than be triggered for a meeting with the City Council to determine the processing of a revocation for the PAD, public review and determination of revocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lesko and agreed upon unanimously. Commission members requested this strong concern pertaining to timeframes which still appear to be overly generous be forwarded for additional review and consideration by Mayor and Council. Staff agreed to do so.

### **Agenda Item 7 - Historic Preservation Commission**

Andrea Gregory, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission is open and amenable to both commissions meeting together to offer an overview of their respective scopes, get to know each other and perhaps identify potential opportunities for collaboration. Commissioners agreed with the concept of a flexible meeting and social gathering and staff will try to coordinate something for February. The new Historic Preservation Officer will be in place by then and included.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of 2015 State of the Neighborhoods/Neighbor Workshop and Awards**

The event date has been set for Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Tempe History Museum. To meet fast approaching print deadlines, the call for Neighbor of the Year nominations has also been set for Friday, February 13. This will allow for group review of the nominees and decision making at the March Commission meeting. Staff noted that in recent years commissioners had requested the timeframe to allow for two commission meetings to review nominations but nomination review was always done in the course of one meeting. Commissioners agreed that moving forward one meeting for review was sufficient.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Agenda Items for December or Future Meeting**

- Recognition of outgoing commissioners
- 2015 Neighborhood Workshop & Awards Planning
- Visit with the School Superintendents individually ( TD3, Kyrene, Tempe Union High School)

**Agenda Item 10 –Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager