



**Minutes
Tempe Family Justice Commission
October 12, 2015**

Minutes for the Tempe Family Justice Commission Meeting held on October 12, 2015 at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 East 5th Street Tempe, Arizona 85281.

Commission Members Present

Karyn Lathan, Chair
MonaLou Callery, Vice Chair
Joan Sisco
Paul Ferguson
Bill Richardson
Patrick C. Foster
Laura Massengale
Kristen Scharlau
Lt. Kerby Rapp
Beatrice "Bunny" Kastenbaum

Council Members Present

Lauren Kubly, Councilmember

Staff Present

Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director

Public Appearance

Lori Lechuga, Allstate Insurance
David Bush, City of Tempe Resident

Item 1 – Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Item 2 – Public Appearances

David Bush, is a City of Tempe resident and therapist in private practice for 30 years. For the past 9 years he has been a trauma specialist and has developed a resource to cure many cases of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Therapy is a combination of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) as well as a number of other psychological concepts. Mr. Bush has used this therapy on a few hundred people. CD's are free to Tempe Police Department for the month of October. Upon receiving email, \$15 purchase fee will be refunded. Shared a letter of one woman's experience.

Item 3 – Recognition

MonaLou Callery, Vice Chair, introduced Lori Lechuga from Allstate Insurance “Help Stop Domestic Violence” campaign, who presented a symbolic “Purple Purse” to Councilmember Laren Kuby for her leadership in initiating the first Family Justice Commission in the City of Tempe.

Item 4 – Review Open Meeting Law

Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director, gave a brief overview of the Open Meeting Law, which maximizes public access to the governmental process, and emphasizes transparency. (Handout)

Item 5 – Chair’s welcome and expectations

Chair Karyn Lathan thanked the Commissioners for their interest, and noted the impressive expertise across the group. She noted that this meeting would be 60 minutes. Chair Lathan also shared that she has had meetings with CARE 7 and the Police Department which were very helpful.

Item 6 – Introductions

(Biographies of Commissioners-Handout)

Item 7 – Board Structure

Chair Karyn Lathan expressed that the board is “our” board not “mine”. As the work is developed, there will be committee work. The Chairperson expects Commissioners to be active on the Board, as well as in committees or projects.

Item 8 – Top Priorities

Commission members shared the following ideas for future consideration:

- Successful investigation and prosecution of sexual and family violence
- All victims deserve the same level of attention as high-profile cases
- Testing kits need to be available for all sexual assault cases
- Statistics are needed related to number of crimes, number of cases prosecuted, and number of successful outcomes
- Community-based family advocacy center, rather a police- based one
- Mentoring programs for victims and offenders
- Training for judicial and non-judicial employees
- One Stop Shop, a centralized location for services and a safe haven
- Prevention services for children
- Transportation
- Housing
- Pet foster care

Email future goals and any further priorities to Naomi Farrell, naomi_farrell@tempe.gov

Item 9 – Meeting Schedule and location

Meet monthly for the first 6 months on Tuesdays at 6:00p at the Tempe Library
Beatrice Kastenbaum made this motion, seconded by Paul Ferguson. Motion passed.

Item 10 – Adjournment

Next meeting TBD - Naomi Farrell will check availability at the Library for a date/time.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Placencia/Valerie Kime Trujillo
Reviewed by: Naomi Farrell

Karyn Lathan,
Chair, Tempe Family Justice Commission