

DRAFT Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
March 7, 2018



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at the City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Jack Escobar, Jonathan Gelbart, Stephanie Greenfield, Matt Korbeck, Kiyomi Kurooka, Nancy Lesko, Candyce Lindsay, Bill Munch, Daniel Schugurensky

(MEMBERS) Absent: Michael Comstock, Barb Harris, Carol Shixue Hu,

City Staff Present: Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

Guests Present: None.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: February 7, 2018

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the February 7 minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Gelbart and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Neighborhood Award Nominations Group Review and Selection of Award Recipients

Fourteen nominations total were received this year, (10) for Neighbor of the Year consideration and (4) for Property Beautification. Staff emphasized that each nominations cycle is different in terms of number, type and quality of nominations received. In 2017, eighteen nominations were received with (8) Neighbor of the Year, (7) Property Beautification and (3) Alley Upkeep while ten nominations were entered in 2016, split equally between Neighbor of the Year and Property Beautification.

Commission members shared their initial rater form scores for Neighbor of the Year nominees and engaged in lively discussion regarding nominees with the highest scores. Commissioner Korbeck suggested more acknowledgements and the awarding of more awards. Staff reminded commissioners that all nominees are recognized publicly, receive an awards certificate and have their picture taken with Mayor and Council. Commissioner Shugurensky again noted his challenges with comparing groups with individuals. Neighbor of the Year nominations are currently grouped in one category and criteria allows eligibility for individuals, associations, businesses or groups who demonstrate neighborliness, creativity and community building qualities.

The Tempe Empty Bowls program was noted for the collaborative nature and eighteen-year duration of the event, along with the sustained commitment of many original board members and unparalleled aid to fight hunger in our community. Commissioner Adams made a motion that Tempe Empty Bowls be declared the

Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year Award recipient which was seconded by Commissioner Schugurensky and passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners further discussed the contributions and letters of recommendations received for the top Neighbor of the Year Award nominees and briefly considered whether to nominate two award winners. Commissioner Adams made a motion seconded by Commissioner Korbeck to declare a tie between Michele Meyer and Deb Gain-Braley for Neighbor of the Year with two yes votes and 11 opposed. A couple commissioners remarked that the scores were close but not tied and expressed concern that awarding to both individuals would potentially diminish the award. Commissioner D'Elena made a motion seconded by Commissioner Adams to recognize Deb Gain-Braley as the winner of the Neighbor of the Year Award and it passed unanimously.

Initial rater form votes were tallied for Property Beautification nominees and the before and after pictures of each were reviewed. Commissioner Korbeck made a motion seconded by Commissioner Escobar that the Kozel residence receive the Property Beautification Award and it passed with twelve yeah votes and one opposed. There was additional discussion regarding the Golden Shovel Award criteria. The sizable and ongoing revitalization of the Tanner property was noted. Commissioner Escobar made a motion to nominate the Tanner residence for the Golden Shovel Award, seconded by Commissioner Schugurensky which passed with twelve in favor and one in opposition.

Commissioners complimented the overall caliber of all nominations. They requested to discuss if additional categories for Neighbor of the Year should be considered allowing organizations (or perhaps groups and non-profits as well) to be separated from individuals. This idea has come up more than once in the past but NAC members chose not to separate Neighbor of the Year categories at that time. Other future meeting or NAC Retreat discussion items include: whether to consider two Neighbor of the Year awards or a winner and runner up in addition to the Chuck Malpede Award, and a review of the Golden Shovel Award criteria.

Agenda Item 5 – State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshops (Care Fair) Planning Update

Staff distributed event postcards and encouraged commissioners to share them with their Tempe neighborhoods, work places and contacts. The March edition of Tempe Today includes a section regarding the event and the April edition will include a full color insert highlighting the State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Care Fair. Staff will share any day of event needs at the April meeting and reminded commissioners to spread the word and to RSVP using the online portal.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Staff quickly reviewed the prior list of proposed agenda items for future meetings and commissioners requested they be brought forward when the timing is right to do so.

- State of the Neighborhoods Awards & Workshop Planning
- Proposed Pigeon Ordinance Update
- Affordable Housing Impact Statement
- Current status of SB1350, short-term rentals and boarding (AirBNB)
- GP2040 Progress
- Managing Growth, transportation (all modes) and parking safely and efficiently as Tempe builds up
- Residential and commercial home based, small scale businesses (which ones do not require a license?)
- Wrap up of this legislative session

Chair Lindsay requested the addition of a Streetcar construction update.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm