



## Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission October 17, 2017

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Board Room 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Karyn Lathan, Chair  
Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Vice-Chair  
Angel Carbajal  
Ilene Dode  
Patrick Foster  
Judith Homer  
Beatrice “Bunny” Kastenbaum  
Kristen Scharlau

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Andi Fetzner  
Celeste Plumlee

**City Staff Present:**

Paul Bentley, Human Services Deputy Director

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Karyn Lathan called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

**Agenda Item 3 – Review and Approval of September 19, 2017 Minutes – (Motion Required)**

**MOTION:** Commission Member Beatrice “Bunny” Kastenbaum moved to APPROVE the minutes

**SECOND:** Motion Seconded by Commission Member Ilene Dode

**DECISION:** Minutes unanimously APPROVED

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Chair Remarks**

Chair Karyn Lathan announced Kimberly Frick has resigned. The Commission is now seeking an Arizona State University Faculty Member. In January 2018, there will be a vacancy for a Non-Profit Sector Member.

Chair Karyn Lathan was recently approached about having a place where sexually harassed and/or sexual assault victims could share their stories similar to #MeToo, a recent viral hashtag post where victims share their own experiences of sexual harassment and assault.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – 2017 Annual Report – Final Review and Approval**

The Commission reviewed the 2017 Annual Report and noted some edits (**attached**)

**MOTION: Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley moved to APPROVE the 2017 Annual Report as edited**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Angel Carbajal**

**DECISION: 2017 Annual Report unanimously APPROVED**

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Strategic Planning**

- Next Steps

The Commission identified the following goals related to the City Council Strategic Priorities:

##### **City Council Priority: Strong Community Connections**

- Create stakeholder buy-in
  - Market advocacy center proposal
  - Create education piece
  - Greater integration of the Commission with town and all academics
  - Deliver community story tour
- Gaining community support
  - Spread awareness and mission of the commission

The Commission agreed to assign champions to these goals at the next Commission Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Police Department Update – Commission Member Angel Carbajal**

Commission Member Angel Carbajal will be attending the International Association Chiefs of Police Conference (IACP). More than 15,000 public safety professionals convene to advance their knowledge and equip their department for ongoing success. Angel was invited to participate as a panel member to discuss successes and challenges for multi-disciplinary sexual assault response as a violent crime strategy including opportunities for leveraging evidence from sexual assault kits. The workshop will discuss promising practices for engaging the media and the community and for developing improved organizational communications. Discussion points will focus on serial offending patterns linking sexual assault to other violent crimes. Examples and recommendations from jurisdictions participating in the Department of Justice (DOJ) led Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) will present successful strategies for collaboration with the media that have utilized sexual assault evidence to identify violent serial offenders.

### **Agenda Item 8 – CARE7 Update – Commission Member Kristen Scharlau**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CARE7 Advocates have been handing out a variety of resources during community outreach. CARE7 will be at the Guadalupe Teen Center to educate youth on healthy relationships. Commission Member Kristen Scharlau hopes to embed a victim advocate in the Domestic Violence unit within the Tempe Police Department. Kristen was invited to present to all City of Tempe Judges to give an overview of CARE7.

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is conducting a community needs assessment, gathering data and compiling a final report. The areas of human services include, homelessness, seniors/aging, youth, domestic violence, disabilities/special needs, and poverty. This information will be utilized to help determine what services and programs are needed for Tempe. Kris recently attended a public forum and several discussion groups expressed the need for a one stop shop, fewer barriers, more case management, and more collaboration.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – November 21, 2017**

- Police Department Update
- CARE7 Update
- Community Outreach
- Report Out on Discussions with Councilmember(s)

### **Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley moved to adjourn the meeting**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Beatrice “Bunny” Kastenbaum**

**DECISION: Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Next meeting will be on November 21, 2017

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Karyn Lathan, Chair