

# Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission November 7, 2018



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, November 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, Doreen Garlid, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay, Bill Munch, Daniel Schugurensky, Jennifer Song, Maureen Utter

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Jonathan Gelbart, Carol Shixue Hu

**City Staff Present:** Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Braden Kay, Sustainability Director, Braden\_Kay@tempe.gov, 480-350-8867

**Guests Present:** Steve Song, Tempe resident

## **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

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

## **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

None. New commission members Jennifer Song (85281) and Maureen Utter (85283) were welcomed by the group.

## **Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: October 3, 2018**

Commissioner Schugurensky made a motion to approve the October 3 minutes as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Munch and passed unanimously by the ten members, present at that time, with a 10-0 vote.

**Commission Member Ayes:** Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Bill Munch, Daniel Schugurensky, Jennifer Song, Maureen Utter

**Commission Members Absent:** Doreen Garlid, Jonathan Gelbart, Carol Shixue Hu, Candyce Lindsay

## **Agenda Item 4 – Equity in Action Update**

The City of Tempe established a one-time, non-recurring Innovation Fund of \$500,000 within the 2017-18 fiscal year budget to encourage and promote new and creative ideas that significantly improve our community and keep Tempe as the regional leader in innovation. The Equity in Action proposal, designed to increase equity through greater public involvement and participation of underrepresented residents, was reviewed and supported by the Sustainability, Human Relations and Neighborhood Advisory Commissions and later funded by Mayor and City Council at the May 17, 2018 Work Study Session in the amount of \$75,000. An additional \$65,000 in funding was

provided by Vitalyst Health Foundation, our partner agency, to fund this three-year initiative.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish parameters and criteria for selection of participating non-profit agencies is still being crafted. If the RFP is ready for review in time for the December 12 NAC meeting, Braden will bring the components of the proposal before the commission for input. Commission member Moulton Belec again expressed her interest in attending working group meetings once established. Staff explained that part of that opportunity for public input (when and how to involve) will be shaped in partnership with the non-profits selected.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Climate Action Plan Update**

The Climate Action Plan will help detail policies, programs and measures the city of Tempe will be implementing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An inventory of emissions sources was completed and a baseline identifying the major sources of emissions now needs to be established to set reduction targets. The varied and multiple components of the Climate Action Plan include: a new goal for carbon reduction, a new goal for resilience to extreme heat and potential investments in efficient and renewable energy, water/waste, food and transportation. The first public forum on Transportation was held Oct. 30 and future ones will take place in 2019. Commission members were encouraged to provide additional comments by taking the Climate Action Plan survey through November 13 at [www.tempe.gov/forum](http://www.tempe.gov/forum).

#### **Agenda Item 6 – State of the Neighborhoods Awards and Workshops Planning**

Staff shared that the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program is now 25 years old. Two ASU Public Administration graduate students are preparing a retrospective of the grant program. Commission members agreed that this presents a unique opportunity to craft a single workshop offering or a series of workshop centered around a community building/connecting theme. Other possible topics (could be information-only provided at a community table or a workshop session) included:

- Arts in the Park program information
- Introduction/Kick Off of next Character Area (if timing is right)
- Hosting a collaborative Public Art opportunity or instructor led exercise
- Parks Security and Safety
- How to use 311 Information (email/phone and app)
- Online Engagement, Technology and Social Media
- Animal issues (feral cats, roof rats, coyotes)

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Final review and approval of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Annual Report (Action)**

Several commission members expressed a desire for more direct contact from Mayor and Council regarding commission accomplishments, goals and activities. There was additional discussion regarding adding a goal specific to increased outreach and interface with Mayor and City Council. Commission members agreed to continue the discussion at future meetings.

Commissioner Garlid then made a motion to approve the Annual Report as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Munch and passed unanimously by the twelve members participating with a 12-0 vote.

**Commission Member Ayes:** Karen Adams, Hannah Moulton Belec, Mike D'Elena, Doreen Garlid, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Candyce Lindsay, Bill Munch, Daniel Schugurensky, Jennifer Song, Maureen Utter

**Commission Members Absent:** Jonathan Gelbart, Carol Shixue Hu

**Agenda Item 9 - Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Tempe/Mesa Streetcar Feasibility Study (December)
- Park Security Measures (December - if timing is appropriate)
- Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair (December)
- Outgoing Commission member thank you's (Commissioners Adams and Munch both term off in December)
- Urban Core Masterplan (February)

Commission members were reminded of changes to the December 2018 and January 2019 meeting schedule. The next NAC meeting will be on December 12 (The December 5 regular meeting was rescheduled due to the conflict with Hanukah and there will be no January meeting.) The first meeting of the new year will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019 and Chair and Co-chair elections will be held at that time.

**Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas

Reviewed by: Shauna Warner