



## Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission February 18, 2020

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe Public Library – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Chair  
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair  
Jeanette Costa  
Robin Nelson  
Mary O’Grady  
Patricia Riggs  
Kristen Scharlau  
Patrick Foster  
Karyn Lathan

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jeffrey Glover  
Jill Oliver

**City Staff Present:**

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director  
Jorge Lomeli Jr., Sergeant  
Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant

**Public Appearances**

None present

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of January 7, 2020 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ilene Dode moved to APPROVE the January 7, 2020 minutes.

**SECOND:** Motion Seconded by Commission Member Robin Nelson; Motion passed on a 8-0 Vote

**AYES:** Chair Peggy Tinsley, Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Jeanette Costa, Robin Nelson, Mary O’Grady, Patrick Foster, Karyn Lathan, Kristen Scharlau and Patricia Riggs

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Commission Members Jeffrey Glover and Jill Oliver

## **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

- Commission Member Jeffrey Glover recently retired

## **Agenda Item 6 – Initial Communication to Mayor & Council Related to Commission’s Scope of Work**

The Commission reviewed and provided feedback on the initial communication to Mayor & Council (attachment). Sergeant Jorge Lomeli Jr. committed to providing updated crime statistics. Peggy requested any additional feedback be submitted to Deputy Human Services Director, Paul Bentley and Administrative Assistant Melissa Placencia via email.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Human Services Day – Care Fair/Human Services Pop-Up Event Discussion**

Tempe Community Council in partnership with the City of Tempe will be hosting their annual Tempe Human Services Day March 21 to showcase services that assist individuals and families in need and highlight volunteer opportunities in the community. Tempe Human Services Day is a free event with food, music and a kid fun zone with activities for all ages. Participants will enjoy a day of fun and learning with two activities:

Tempe Community Council’s (TCC) Care Fair Tempe, a family-friendly event featuring more than 50 local nonprofits and services providers as well as onsite services. The event is designed to connect those in need with those who care. The City of Tempe’s Human Services Pop-up, which spotlights city programs and services such as housing, preschool, college guidance, counseling and senior services. Participants can engage with city staff from throughout the Human Services Department.

The Tempe Family Justice Commission has been invited to table this event along with the Tempe Veterans Commission and the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Commission. Peggy, Robin, and Karyn committed to staff the table

## **Agenda Item 8 – Review and Update Strategic Plan Accomplishments**

### **1.0 Access to Justice/Safety**

- ☑ 1.1 Family Justice Center (Tinsley) – MEMO COMPLETE
- 1.2 Less Fear More Reporting (Scharlau)

### **2.0 Wrap Around Services**

- ☑ 2.1 An EMS Liaison - like A. Carbajal (Carbajal) - COMPLETE
- ☑ 2.2 Supporting Next Steps: Re-Entry Program (Lathan) - COMPLETE
- 2.3 Trauma Informed Department Champions (Scharlau)
- ☑ 2.4 Better Use of Existing Resources/Identify Partners/Identify Other Agencies Doing Trauma Informed Care\_in Tempe [Combined Accomplishments] (Dode) - COMPLETE

### **3.0 Training**

- 3.1 Simulation Strategies – (Kastenbaum)
- 3.2 Outreach and Training for Justice, Health Community, Public Officials – (Oliver/O’Grady)
  - Update provided (attachment)
- 3.3 All Departments Use Organization Assessment Tool (Scharlau)
- 3.4 Supervisor Trained to Recognize and Respond to Traumatized Staff (Oliver)

### **4.0 Education & Opportunity**

- 4.1 Education and Outreach – (Tinsley/Lathan)
- 4.2 Outreach, Networking and Training Activities (Foster)
- 4.3 Identify the Populations that are Vulnerable – (O’Grady)
  - Update provided (attachment)

**Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates**

None

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items**

**Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m**

Next meeting will be on March 17, 2020 May 19,

2020

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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"Peggy" Tinsley, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission

Margaret

To: Mayor and Council City Council

From: Tempe Family Justice Commission

Date: February, XX, 2020

Subject: Tempe Family Justice Commission Communication

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## **Purpose**

This memorandum is to inform Mayor and Council of the Tempe Family Justice Commission's (FJC) future communication plan. Specifically, the Family Justice Commission will be sending Friday Packet updates throughout the year to:

Provide education and advisement on family justice topics based on literature, best practices, and subject matter expertise.

Invite Mayor and Council to join FJC commissioners at events, seminars, trainings, etc. related to family justice topics.

Seek Mayor and Council's support through proclamations that address topics such as Sexual Assault Awareness, Domestic Violence, and Human Sex Trafficking months.

## **Context**

As written in the City of Tempe's ordinance Section 2-387, The FJC's powers and duties include:

- To advise the City Council and assist city departments in promoting access to justice and safety for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- To advise the City Council and assist city departments in providing leadership and facilitating access to resources that will contribute to wrap-around services and a multi-disciplinary response for the victims and survivors;
- To advise the City Council and assist city departments on coordinating cross training and multi-disciplinary tools to provide training opportunities to criminal justice personnel and healthcare providers about educational initiatives and systems based standards of practice that are critical to serving the victims of domestic and sexual violence and keeping them safe.
- To advise the City Council and assist city departments on expanding education and outreach to vulnerable populations.

As reported in the FJC's 2019 Annual Report, the FJC is committed to creating and submitting periodical reports to Mayor and Council on topics related to: domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. These periodicals will provide education, recommendations, and advisement; invite Mayor and Council to join FJC commissioners to

attend events, training, seminars, etc.; and seek Mayor and Council support through formal proclamation.

This new initiative supports City Council Priorities: Safe and Secure Communities (performance measures 1.05, 1.06, 1.12, 1.30) and Quality of Life (performance measure 3.10).

You will receive the first periodical in April 2020. This periodical's focus is sexual assault in alignment with April's national campaign to raise sexual assault awareness. As you receive this periodical, or future periodicals, we welcome you to join us in this dialogue and seek your support in promoting these incredibly difficult social issues toward positive change.

We are pleased to add this new method of communication in alignment with our purpose to serve you.

Sincerely,

Tempe Family Justice Commission

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