



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission January 18, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 18, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice Chair
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Anastasia Stinchfield
Jeanette Costa
Mark Perkovich
Josie Montenegro
Patricia Riggs
Jill Oliver
Robin Nelson

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Jorge Benavente, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

Guest Appearances

Keira Barraza

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of December 21, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: Commission member Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley moved to APPROVE December 21, 2021 Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Jeanette Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Jill Oliver, Josie Montenegro, Patricia Riggs, and Robin Nelson Anastasia Stinchfield

ABSENT:

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

None

Agenda Item 6 – Welcome New Commission Member – Anastasia Stinchfield

The Chair recognizes and welcomes the Commission's newest member, Anastasia Stinchfield. Having participated in prior meetings, Anastasia expresses appreciation for the Commission's works and looks forward to her time on the board

Agenda Item 7 – Review and Approve Dating Violence Memorandum

The Commission read, reviewed, and edited any outstanding corrections pertaining to the following document, the Dating Violence Memorandum. The following memorandum seeks to highlight violence in adolescent relationships, prevent its occurrence, and advocate for victim assistance. This memorandum shall be dispatched to the Tempe City Council for February 2022 with the intention of greater acknowledgment on this issue.

The Commission also acknowledged the contributions of former members Dr. Megan Brown and Kris Scharlau to the following Dating Violence Memorandum.

MOTION: Commission member Margaret “Peggy” Tinsely moved to APPROVE the Dating Violence Memorandum

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Vice-Chair Ilene Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Commission Members Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Jill Oliver, Josie Montenegro, Patricia Riggs, Anastasia Stinchfield and Robin Nelson

ABSENT:

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Strategic Goals Review and Discussion

The Commission reviewed their Strategic Goals and at the moment opted to move forward with the agenda after no significant discussion or comments were mentioned

Agenda Item 9 – Victim Awareness Campaign – Public Space Signage Update

Commission Member Costa compiled information on innovative methods of dispersing victim assistance information in public spaces. Cedar City, UT, and Olympia, WA, were of particular interest due to their programs' longevity and creativeness. Other members expressed interest in such innovations and would welcome similar initiatives. Members felt that such a campaign should be discussed further in February's meeting.

Commission Member Stinchfield, a member of Tempe's CARE7, expressed an interest in expanding the scope of her office and incorporating such methods into her department.

Example and further information will be forwarded to Commission members.

Agenda Item 10 – Guest Speaker Preparation

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion- The Commission discussed areas of interest they would like further information on and would seek to invite a guest speaker that could answer them. Before inviting such a guest, a precise narrative should be decided to utilize their knowledge effectively. A lengthy discussion on various subjects of interest followed the initial statement. One potential guest speaker that could meet the various traits sought by the Commission is the Equity and Inclusion Manager at the Mayor's strategic MGMT & Div department. Their expertise is deep and wide-ranging and could be beneficial to this Commission.

Public Information- A similar discussion about effectively using a guest speaker's knowledge and skills was embraced. Moreover, different methods of disseminating public information were discussed. This conversation also touched upon the Commission and the City's partnerships with other Tempe entities and the correct representatives to reach out to.

Agenda Item 11 – Continued Discussion: Arizona Youth Survey Report Results

No further comments were given on this topic.

Agenda Item 12 – Family Advocacy Center Update and Discussion

There are ongoing discussions with a facility owner and the City's task force over a potential lease. While it is early to give a definitive answer on the ultimate conclusion of these discussions, there is room for optimism. One point to highlight in this facility is that equipping it with the necessary items will require less time than initially thought.

The aforementioned facility is equipped with the necessary space to successfully meet the needs of Tempe's residents who might need it.

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Member Updates

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items

- Identify Presenter for February 2022

- Guest Speaker Preparation
- Family Advocacy Center Update
- Commission Member Updates

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission member Margaret “Peggy” Tinsely moved to ADJOURNMENT the meeting

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Vice-Chair Ilene Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Commission Members Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Jill Oliver, Josie Montenegro, Patricia Riggs, Anastasia Stinchfield and Robin Nelson

ABSENT:

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.
The next meeting will be on XX

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Benavente
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission