



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission September 20, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, September 20, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Conference Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ilene Dode, Vice Chair
Jeanette Costa
Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley
Jill Oliver
Mark Perkovich
Bjorg LeSueur
Anastasia Stinchfield
Josie Montenegro

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Patricia Riggs
Mary O’Grady, Chair

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

Alex Smith
Paloma Rutherford
Jill Etienne

Guest Appearances

Commander William Cullins, Tempe Police Department

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Dode called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Chair O’Grady and Commissioner Riggs were absent.
Commissioner Montenegro joined the meeting after attendance was taken.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Vice Chair Ilene Dode welcomed public attendees and invited them to introduce themselves.
Alex Smith – Journalist, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University, was in attendance to report on the meeting.
Paloma Rutherford – Journalist, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University, was in attendance to report on the meeting.
Jill Etienne – candidate for Family Justice Commission At-Large Member, was in attendance.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of August 16, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Tinsley moved to APPROVE on August 16, 2022, Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Costa; Motion passed unanimously
AYES:, Commissioners Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Montenegro, and LeSueur
ABSENT: Chair O’Grady, Commissioner Riggs

Agenda Item 5 – Vice Chair Remarks

Vice Chair Dode announced that the Strategic Planning Retreat will take place on Monday, September 26 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the same Conference room where the Family Justice Commission will make plans for the next year.

Agenda Item 6 – Victim Awareness Campaign – Public Signage Update – Commission Member Jeanette Costa

Commissioner Costa presented a draft of the Domestic Violence Victim Awareness poster.

Susie Steckner answered questions from Commissioners about language and design.

The Commission expressed intent to have an early version of the poster printed and distributed for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Commissioners discussed creating multiple versions of the poster, representing human diversity in the graphics.

Agenda Item 7 – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Draft Memorandum Review and Discussion – Commission Member Peggy Tinsley

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft memorandum produced by Commissioner Tinsley.

The draft was edited by the Commission.

The Commission was still awaiting the confirmation of additional facts and figures from Tempe Police Department.

MOTION: Commissioner Tinsley MOVED TO AMEND the Agenda for the Family Justice Commission Strategic Planning Retreat on Monday, September 26, 2022 by ADDING the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum to the Agenda

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion passed unanimously

AYES:, Commissioners Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Montenegro, and LeSueur

ABSENT: Chair O’Grady, Commissioner Riggs

Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Police Department Quarterly Data Review

Tempe Police Commander William Cullins presented the 2022 Quarter 2 statistics on the Commission’s crimes of interest. Commander Cullins reported that Domestic Violence statistics are down, while child crimes increased. Commander Cullins also noted that overall property crime and violent crime has increased.

Commander Cullins hypothesized that the statistics reflect the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Bentley concurred.

Commissioners Oliver and Tinsley asked if the crime data can be broken down by age and ethnicity. Commander Cullins informed that he did not currently have that data pulled, but it is possible to obtain the information.

Agenda Item 9 – CARE7 Quarterly Data Review – Commission Member Anastasia Stinchfield

Commissioner Stinchfield presented the 2022 Quarter 3 data for CARE7’s Victim Services.

Commissioner Stinchfield introduced Sully, the therapy dog.

Commissioner Stinchfield informed that Victim Services attempts to keep victims with the same victim advocate each time they utilize the program’s services.

Commissioner Stinchfield reported that referrals to Victim Services come from the CARE7 Crisis Team, Tempe Police Department, and Tempe Court. The commissioner stated that 23 victimization types are tracked by the department.

Commissioner Stinchfield reported that 6 victims were housed in the Victim Service department’s temporary shelters this quarter.

Commissioner Stinchfield noted that statistics for Victim Services do not match the Tempe Police Department statistics because victims do not always report crimes committed against them.

Agenda Item 10 – Discuss and Plan Future Strategic Planning Retreat

Mr. Bentley announced that the Strategic Planning Retreat will be on Monday, September 26, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Commissioners are encouraged to attend in-person, but remote attendance will also be an option.

Mr. Bentley stated that Commissioners will discuss focus questions to plan for the Commission’s upcoming year.

Mr. Bentley advised the Commissioners to review the powers and duties of the Commission to guide the future planning process.

Agenda Item 11 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Anastasia Stinchfield

Commissioner Stinchfield gave an update on the Family Advocacy Center (FAC). The FAC building is expected to be complete on October 7, 2022.

Commissioner Stinchfield mentioned that the FAC features an art room, as well as a place for court services, where victims can obtain orders of protection.

Agenda Item 12 – Commission Member Updates

Commissioner Costa requested that the Commission approve to get a version of the Domestic Violence Awareness posters approved and distributed to city buildings for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Mr. Bentley suggested that the Tempe Family Justice Commission be named on the Domestic Violence Awareness posters.

MOTION: Commissioner Tinsley MOVED to add “Poster Developed by Tempe Family Justice Commission” under the city of Tempe log on the Domestic Violence Awareness Poster.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Oliver; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Commissioners Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Montenegro, and LeSueur

ABSENT: Chair O’Grady, Commissioner Riggs

Agenda Item 13 –Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Oliver proposed that the city of Tempe’s Chief Diversity Officer, Valencia Humes, join a future meeting.

Agenda Item 14– Adjournment

Commissioner Oliver recognized that Vice Chair Ilene Dode ably presided over the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Vice Chair Ilene Dode moved to ADJOURNMENT the meeting

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Jill Oliver; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Commissioners Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Montenegro, and LeSueur

ABSENT: Chair O’Grady, Commissioner Riggs

Vice Chair Dode declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission