

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission August 5, 2009

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on August 5, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 7:06 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Tom Catlaw, Don Calender, Pete De Mott, Jimmye Dubuy, Andy Hall, Kevin Kaesberg, Ira King, Susan Knudson, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, Jason Short, William Wagner, Michael Wasko, Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: John Sanborn, Jeffrey Sheppard

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences: Eric Anthony Aldrete, Joochul Kim

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner, Planning, 480-858-2393 or ryan_levesque@tempe.gov, Sergeant Heather Penner, Police Department, 480-350-8154, heather_penner@tempe.gov

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Kaesberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was none.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Retreat Minutes: June 13, 2009

Commissioner Calender moved that the June 13, 2009 minutes be approved. Commissioner Knudson seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions due to absence from the retreat.

Agenda Item 4 – Loud Party Update

Sergeant Heather Penner provided an update regarding the activities and results of the Loud Party Patrol since its September 2008 assignment to the Bike Squad. At that time the Loud Party Patrol became a component of the Bike Squad's regular duties rather than an overtime function for regular patrol officers. The identified priorities were reducing calls for service and educating contacts regarding laws, city code and disadvantages of participating in this type of activity. Special attention was paid to underage drinking.

Party Patrols take place on both Friday and Saturday nights. Officers are in vehicles allowing for quicker response times. Each party patrol consists of one sergeant accompanied by four officers. Records of significant parties were kept demonstrating that officers spent more time at each party visited (average of 30 minutes) addressing numerous factors including disturbances to neighbors, citing underage drinking, littering and identification of party host(s) whenever possible. This increased proactive enforcement resulted in over 1,500 arrests in 2008-2009 and the seizure of 57 kegs of beer.

The collaborative partnership with Arizona State University's Police Department concerning loud parties continues. One ASU officer is directly assigned to the Loud Party Patrol and participates in the shift rotation. When a party host or participant is booked into jail and lists ASU student as the

occupation, the University is notified and receives copies of all police reports. ASU can then follow up and impose University sanctions or consequences as well.

Loud party education and outreach is an ongoing effort. Police Department presentations are made to all incoming freshman. Mandatory informational gatherings for sorority and fraternity groups are also held. As the party calls are largely student driven and student oriented, the Loud Party Patrol is working to create an attitude discouraging students from throwing big parties in Tempe. In addition to the educational opportunities, word of mouth from upper classman to freshman regarding the potential consequences is hoped to reduce party plans.

Agenda Item 5 – Zoning and Development Code Amendments Update

Ryan Levesque described the next steps for the draft Zoning and Development Code amendments. A Development Review Commission meeting will be held on August 11 followed by a City Council Intro/1st hearing on September 10 and a second City Council hearing on October 8. Ryan went through the amendment materials page by page providing an overview of the suggested changes which included process improvements, clean up items and clarifications and responses to changing uses and trends.

Under Section 3-503 Legal Non-Conforming Development, the suggestion was made to change the wording from All nonconforming signs may be maintained to All nonconforming signs may be preserved. Ryan agreed to check with the City Attorney's office regarding the proposed word change. Under Section 16 regarding Development Plan approval Time Limitations, the question was posed if there is any leeway given when an occupied building that is paying taxes is purchased and scheduled for demolition to delay the demolition. Ryan agreed to follow up.

Commissioner Calender made a motion to forward an endorsement of the proposed Zoning and Development Code amendments to the Development Review Commission. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion and all members present agreed. Ryan thanked the group for the recommendation, adding that it will be included in the Development Review Commission report that will then get forwarded to Mayor and Council.

Agenda Item 6 – 09-10 Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Recommendations

Shauna Warner provided a brief overview of this year's process and applicants. This is only the second year that there was an opportunity for one neighborhood to receive a \$50,000 grant. Excluding the \$50,000 project requests, over \$400,000 in requests in amounts up to \$15,000 were made with \$250,000 total available.

The application requests provide a snap shot of the variety of projects neighborhoods are hoping to initiate from artistically enhanced traffic calming to security lighting. The Neighborhood Service Team recommendations will go before Mayor and Council for approval on August 20, 2009.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Chairs, Committee Goals, Committee Reports and Consideration of Minutes

A. Codes Committee – The Codes Committee met on July 21 at the Connections Café. Committee members were joined by Code Compliance managers Jeff Tamulevich and Jan Koehn who encouraged NAC members to provide input regarding any code compliance related issues or suggestions. The group plans to meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the Connections Café, John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Manager Field Operations will be present to discuss alleys. Commissioner Hall made a motion to accept the July 21, 2009 Codes Committee minutes. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Housing Committee – The Housing Committee met on June 26 also at the Connections Café. The Committee proposed working in conjunction with the Council Housing Committee, Tempe Housing Services and private entities to bring critical housing information to the community in the form of a workshop. This committee is serving as a supporter of the workshop rather than a coordinator or host. There is still a need for one additional committee member. Commissioner Calender made a motion to accept the June 26, 2009 Housing Committee minutes. Commissioner Wasko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Outreach Committee – The Outreach Committee met on July 13 at the Connections Café. They agreed to follow up on the Friends of Neighborhood concept and to explore social networking as a means for community building. Prospective topics for the 2010 Neighborhood Workshop are being explored. Michael Wasko agreed to serve as the alternate committee member. Commissioner Calender made a motion to accept the July 13 Outreach Committee minutes. Commissioner Wasko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Council Committee Reports

Commissioner Roach briefly described the Papago Park planning meetings and noted the two remaining. Much of the discussion has concerned creation of new trails and buildings as well as preservation of existing.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Format and Agenda Items for September 2, 2009 Meeting

- Mayor Hallman's Hot Topics
- United Way Permanent Supported Housing
- Solid Waste/Alley follow up

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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