

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission September 2, 2009

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on September 2, 2009, 5:35 p.m. – 6:55 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, Susan Knudson, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, John Sanborn, Jeffrey Sheppard, Jason Short, William Wagner, Michael Wasko.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Kevin Kaesberg, Joochul Kim, Ira King , Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences: Eric Anthony Aldrete

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Manager – Field Operations, 480-350-8949, john_osgood@tempe.gov

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Wasko called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Mark Lymer, a resident of the Mitchell Park West neighborhood read a prepared statement announcing he will be unable to accept his recent NAC appointment and noting some concerns he has about a neighbor and NAC member.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: August 5, 2009

Commissioner Calender moved that the August 5, 2009 minutes be approved. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 4 – Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions

John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Manager – Field Operations, provided an overview of potential Solid Waste Code revisions, which he previously reviewed with the NAC Codes Committee. The purpose of the changes is to clarify and strengthen the code to make it more useful for residents, businesses and staff.

Some of the proposed changes to the Solid Waste Code include aligning it with the Nuisance Code's penalties for non-compliance and habitual offenders of notices of violation. The Solid Waste Code offenses include alley conditions and public rights of way, addressing overgrown vegetation from private property into public rights of way, strengthening recycling participation requirements, potential limits on uncontained/bulky item monthly pick up and introduction of a pilot green waste/compost program.

Next steps include presenting ideas to the Neighborhood Quality of Life Council Committee on September 10 and organization of a public process for residents to submit their input. John encouraged commission members to forward any ideas they have to his attention or through Shauna. He offered to come to a future meeting to share final language of the draft proposal when ready.

Agenda Item 5 – Committee Reports and Consideration of Minutes

A. Codes Committee – The Codes Committee met on August 18 at the Connections Café. Committee members were joined by John Osgood, Deputy Public Works Manager Field Operations and Judi Morgan, City Attorney’s Office. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 4 p.m. at the Connections Café.

Committee members were encouraged to forward any ideas, concerns and suggestions regarding neighborhood or commercial code compliance and/or any issues specific to rental properties to Shauna. The individual lists can then be forwarded via email to all commission members prior to the next committee meeting with the agenda. Commissioner Dubuy, Chair of this committee, requested that members and guests come to the next committee meeting on September 15 prepared to discuss and assemble one unified list. This list will then be forwarded to code compliance management for review as requested.

Commissioner Calender made a motion to accept the August 18 Codes Committee minutes. Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Housing Committee – The Housing Committee met on August 31 also at the Connections Café. The meeting minutes were distributed for commissioner information and review. The variety of lending programs available was noted.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the August 31 Housing Committee minutes. Commissioner Calender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Outreach Committee – The Outreach Committee met on August 24 at the Connections Café. As part of their follow up regarding the Friends of Neighborhood concept, they had a lengthy discussion with representatives from Tempe Community Council on the possibilities for creating a program here. Their short term goals include starting a program to assist elderly and disabled residents with yard upkeep concerns, long term goals may encompass a program addressing other home repairs such as plumbing and electrical needs for this population. Commissioner Wilson was given praise for his initial research on this matter and his detailed minutes preparation helping to explain the concept to others.

Prospective topics for the 2010 Neighborhood Workshop are continuing to be explored. The commission agreed to have a more in depth discussion regarding proposed workshop ideas and potential speakers at the October commission meeting when this item can be specifically noted on the agenda and Commissioner Wilson can be present to share his input.

Commissioner Dubuy made a motion to accept the August 24 Outreach Committee minutes. Commissioner Calender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Council Committee Reports

None were provided due to little meeting activity over summer.

Agenda Item 7 – Agenda Items for October 7, 2009 Meeting or for future meetings

Mayor Hallman’s Hot Topics (via email); Committee Reports; 2010 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards; Friends of Tempe Neighborhoods draft plan review; Rental Sales Tax License Update; Solid Waste Code draft language revisions

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director
Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist