

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission December 2, 2009

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on December 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: Don Calender, Maureen Decindis, Pete De Mott, Andy Hall, Ira King, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, John Sanborn, Jeffrey Sheppard, Michael Wasko, Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Tom Catlaw, Kevin Kaesberg, Joochul Kim, Susan Knudson, William Wagner.

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences: Jason Short

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Mark Vinson, Community Development Principal Architect, 480-350-8367 or mark_vinson@tempe.gov.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Wasko called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. without a quorum

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was none.

***A quorum was achieved at 6:30 p.m. ***

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: November 4, 2009

Commissioner Calender moved that the November 4, 2009 minutes be approved with an amendment to Agenda Item 6, noting that Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors has been established as an Arizona corporation, but is still working on the 501(c)3 designation. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Eisendrath House and Campus for Sustainability Presentation

Mark Vinson used the provided map to describe all of the various components of the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability. When completed the components will link together to further this area as a major destination. The Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability will be made up of the following distinct areas:

- Green Line Riparian Area
- Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation
- Habitat of Carl Hayden Hayden Campus for Sustainability
- Tempe Women's Club Xeriscape Demonstration Garden
- Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse
- Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park
- Loma del Rio
- LoPiano Mesquite Bosque
- Evelyn Hallman Park

The Mission of the Rio Salado Foundation is to both preserve the history and natural beauty of Papago Park and the Rio Salado and to ensure the area's success as a major cultural and

recreational, urban destination through the creation of public-private partnerships. Established in 2001 to build on the success of projects such as Tempe Town Lake, the Foundation is continuing to raise funds to make all of the components of this dynamic vision a reality. Commissioners were encouraged to visit www.supportriosalado.com to learn more and/or to donate.

The former residence of Sandra Day O'Connor and John O'Connor will be the Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse. Built in 1957 of adobe brick, the home was recently moved from Paradise Valley brick by brick. In the future it will be open to the public and serve as gathering place for group discourse.

Commissioner Wilson noted that the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation continues to be instrumental in raising funds to restore the Eisendrath House. The adobe and wood house was originally built in 1930 and acquired by the City of Tempe in 2003. This house is now planned to house the City of Tempe's Water Conservation Program along with exhibits honoring Carl Hayden, Rose Eisendrath and master builder Robert Evans. Mark Vinson noted that the house is being restored in keeping with LEED standards and they are seeking to achieve the Gold rating which would make this the first historical building in the Southwest to do so. To learn more, see pictures of the ongoing work and/or make a donation, visit www.tempehpf.com.

Commissioner Wilson suggested a commission Saturday morning site tour of both the Eisendrath House and the Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse. Commissioners agreed this would be a desirable group field trip. Mark Vinson indicated he would look into the possibility for sometime after the first of the year and report back through Shauna.

Agenda Item 5 –Nomination of Officers

Commissioner Roach made a motion nominating Commissioner Kaesberg to again serve as Chair with Commissioner Wakso as Vice Chair. Commissioner Decindis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – 2010 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning

The January 2010 edition of Tempe Today (water bill supplement) will include information on the 2010 Neighbor of the Year Awards. Also included will be the Saturday, April 10 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards event date with a request to save the date and look for more event information in the February Tempe Today.

Specific workshop titles and speakers are continuing to be worked on by Neighborhood Services and Community Relations staff. Potential workshop titles are:

- Social Media for Neighbors: Creating Stronger Communities through Online Networking
- Not Your Parents Block Watch: Refreshing Established Programs and Inspiring New Ones
- Shop Tempe: It's All Here and It All Comes Back to You
- Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As speakers are confirmed and titles are firmed up based on program content, staff will report back.

The Pyle Adult Recreation Center hallways and lobby will again be the site for various departments including Police Crime Prevention Unit, Transportation and Recycling to provide topical materials and answer questions. Additional options being explored are the purchase of breakfast refreshments from Farmer's Market vendors, an onsite Farmer's Market and an interactive approach to the social media sessions.

There was some discussion regarding changing the venue of the event to the Madcap Theatres area. Space within the building for the four workshop sessions and lack of adjacent, free parking were noted as potential obstacles. It was noted that some of the regular attendees might be turned off but perhaps some new faces would make the effort to come. The suggestion was made to

expand the event evaluations to include specific suggestions for event venues and try to solicit desired workshop topics and programs for 2011.

There was some additional discussion that it might be too tight to pull together all the necessary logistics for this year but certainly worth exploring for next. Commissioner Decindis offered to host a Bicycle Field Trip/Mobile Workshop next year. Elizabeth agreed to follow up with Madcap Theatres regarding availability of the facility for Saturday, April 10, number of potential classrooms available and will then follow up with commissioners.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports and Consideration of Minutes

- A. Codes Committee** – No meeting was held since the last commission meeting. Commissioners inquired who would call a meeting as there is no current chair. Shauna indicated any committee member can call a meeting and will email the list of current members.
- B. Housing Committee** – No meeting was held since the last commission meeting.
- C. Outreach Committee** – No meeting was held since the last commission meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Agenda Items for January 6, 2010 Meeting

- 2010 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning
- Solid Waste Ordinance
- Election of Officers
- Committee Reports
- Budget Update (keep as placeholder for future meeting, Jan. may be too soon)
- Water Utilities Overview
- Valley of the Sun United Way Housing Program Overview (future agenda)

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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