

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission December 1, 2010

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on December 1, 2010, 5:30 – 6:51 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Maureen Decindis, Pete DeMott, Andy Hall, Kevin Kaesberg, Ira King, Angela Lopez, Leonard Montenegro, Michael Pickett, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, John Sanborn, Michael Wasko, Bill Wagner, Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Tom Catlaw, Joochul Kim,

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences: Don Calender, Josephine McNamara, Jacob Nojourni,

Guests Present: Chris Disimone, Paul Perez, John Vertrees, Gary Ullinsky

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner, ryan_levesque@tempe.gov, 480-858-2393

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: October 6, 2010 and November 3, 2010

Commissioner Wagner moved that the October 6, 2010 minutes be approved as written. Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wasko moved that the November 3, 2010 minutes be approved as written. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion of Prop. 203, Medical Marijuana Act – Tempe’s Draft Outline

Ryan Levesque, Senior Planner, provided an update regarding next steps for Prop. 203, the Medical Marijuana Act, a voter approved initiative. He explained that the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has 120 days to adopt rules which will govern medical marijuana procedures. During this same timeframe, municipalities will be working to adopt zoning regulations to be in place prior to the issuance of any permits. Some municipalities have completed their ordinance changes, most are in process.

Ryan's presentation handout noted the proposed use separation and operation requirements. Presentation highlights included the following information:

- As the proposition is currently written, facilities will be considered non-profit and are therefore not taxable.
- A 1,320 feet (1/4 mile) separation from property line to property line from the following uses shall apply: Medical Marijuana Dispensary or Cultivation, Child Care Facility, Charter, Private or Public School (elementary or secondary education), Church, synagogue, temple or similar and public park, library or community building.
- A 500 feet separation from property line to property line from a residential district will be required.
- Permanent facility buildings only.
- Security plans will be required.
- Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis and must be complete as detailed by Planning staff when submitted
- Pending application submittals will restrict any additional applications within 1,320 feet.

The requirements for Medical Marijuana will be designed to complement existing separation regulations in Tempe for uses such as adult oriented businesses, tobacco retailers and tattoo parlors. Tempe's proposed separation regulations follow those recommended by the League of AZ Cities.

Applications are not anticipated to be accepted prior to April 2011. The Hearing Schedule includes a Development Review Commission (DRC) Hearing on December 14 as well as two City Council Hearings in January. Commissioners were encouraged to go to www.tempe.gov/zoning to provide comments and/or to attend the DRC Hearing to speak during the public comment period if desired. The commission as a whole did not take a position.

Agenda Item 5 – Nomination of Officers

Commissioner Decindis made a motion that Vice Chair Wasko be nominated to serve as the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Chair. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kaesberg made a motion that Commissioner McNamara be nominated to serve as the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner DeMott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Additional nominations will also be accepted at the January 5 meeting when the elections will take place.

Agenda Item 6 – Overview of City Council Committees

The Council Committees were confirmed on November 4 and are working to set up specific meeting days and times. Once those are established, NAC members may want to identify an assigned member and alternate to attend those meetings that are most pertinent to the commission's mission who can then report back to the group. Commissioner meeting packets included a description of the areas of interest and focus for each of the committees.

The Council Committees are as follows:

Mill & Lake District, Chaired by Mayor Hallman

Housing & Social Service Programs, Chaired by Corey Woods

Transportation, Chaired by Shana Ellis

Education Partnerships, Chaired by Robin Arredondo-Savage

Neighborhood Park, Street, Alley & Rights of Way Rehabilitation & Maintenance, Chaired by Joel Navarro
Sports, Recreation, Arts & Cultural Development, Chaired by Mark Mitchell
Technology, Economic & Community Development, Chaired by Onnie Shekerjian

Agenda Item 7 – 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning

The date of Saturday, April 30, 2011 has been reserved for the 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards. The 2010 event survey indicated event attendees had a willingness to attend a downtown event with the caveat that free and close proximity parking be available. This would present some unique opportunities to offer some mobile workshops possibly to include some “green oriented” offerings.

Madcap Theatres is available but there are fees attached to the facility usage. There may be an opportunity for a Downtown Tempe Community sponsorship or collaboration and that is being explored. The multi-purpose room at Pyle has been reserved as a back up location. There could also be some mobile workshops from this location.

Shauna and Elizabeth noted the importance of the participation of the NAC Outreach committee in previous years event planning. Specifically, committee members worked together with staff to suggest potential topics and speakers.

Agenda Item 8 – Committee Reports and Nominations for Chairs

- Budget/Finance Committee – No meeting took place. Commissioner Kaesberg was serving as the chair. No one indicated a willingness to serve as chair and/or to continue the committee at the commission meeting.
- Outreach Committee – No meeting took place. Commissioner Wilson was serving as the chair. Commissioner Decindis indicated a willingness to serve in this capacity and an election will be held at the next committee meeting. Commissioner Wilson agreed to continue his participation with the committee and the 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Award Planning for a time - possibly up until his replacement is identified. The next meeting of the group will be held on December 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Connections Café in the Library. Chair Kaesberg encouraged all available commission members to attend and provide input.
- Quality of Life/Neighborhood Enhancement/Codes Committee – No meeting took place. Commissioner Pickett had previously agreed to serve as the interim chair until an election can be held.

Agenda Item 9 –Recognition of Outgoing Members

Commissioners Calender, Kaesberg, Hall and Wilson were acknowledged as completing their terms and thanked for their years of service to the commission and the community. Commissioner Wilson traced much of his growing civic involvement to his early days with the NAC. Commissioner Kaesberg encouraged all commission members to pursue learning and growth opportunities such as Tempe Leadership and to be willing to step up to fill commission leadership roles. All will be missed.

Agenda Item 10 - Proposed Agenda Items for January 5, 2011 Meeting

- Crime Analysis Information
- 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning
- Solid Waste Ordinance
- Election of Officers

- Committee Reports
- Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature
- Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors (TNHN) presentation and update

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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