

## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission April 6, 2011**

**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on April 6, 2011, 5:35 – 7:15 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Pete DeMott, Britney Scott Kaufmann, Angela Lopez, Josephine McNamara, Robert Miller, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, John Sanborn, Scott Smas, Michael Wasko

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absences:** Maureen Decindis, Joochul Kim, Ira King, Bill Wagner

**(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences:** Leonard Montenegro, Michael Pickett

**Guests Present:**

**City Staff Present:** Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: March 2, 2011**

Commissioner Pospicil moved that the March 2, 2011 minutes be approved with the change from Commissioner Robert to Commissioner Miller (page 4 Agenda Item 9, section A) noted. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Selection of Neighbor of the Year and Residential Beautification Award Winners**

This year, there were six Neighbor of the Year nominations and four Residential Beautification nominations. All nominees will receive a letter from the Mayor and a copy of their nomination in the mail.

Those nominees selected to be honored with an award will be invited to the 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards and will be presented with the award from the Mayor and Council. The Chuck Malpede Award winner, the highest honor, (if there is one selected) will receive a gift basket as well.

There was significant discussion regarding the Neighbor of the Year applications received. Some commissioners noted that it was difficult to get a full sense of what nominees did based on

information or lack thereof provided in the applications. The provided applications were faulted for not specifically asking certain questions such as length of time nominee lived in neighborhood and length of service to the neighborhood. Commission members agreed they would like to make some revisions and changes to the applications and the evaluation sheet prior to the next cycle to make them more effective for reviewers to review and nominators to complete.

After further discussion, there was agreement to select a Chuck Malpede winner. Commissioner Miller made a motion to give the Chuck Malpede Award to Paul Hubbell and Neighbor of the Year awards to Alice Bimrose, Paul Kent and Mac McGinn. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion and the motion passed with ten votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Residential Beautification nominations were reviewed and before and after photos were shown on a projection screen as the provided packet materials were small scale. Commissioners noted the impacts of neighbors who improve their property on other neighbors and the neighborhood as whole. They agreed to recognize all Residential Beautification nominees and to designate a special Golden Shovel Award for both an individual and a group project.

Commissioner Wasko made a motion to honor the George Ditch project with the group award, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Pospicil and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roach made a motion to honor Marlee Powell, the 11th Street yard beautification project with a golden shovel and the Valenzuela residence, 618 E. Solana and the Liddell Residence on 10<sup>th</sup> Street with the individual awards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adams and passed unanimously. Commissioners were especially taken that Ms. Powell, who is renting the home had taken such care and pride in improving the property. There is no budget for awards beyond certificates, however, staff will look into if a golden shovel or yard sign could be created for this purpose.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning Update**

Elizabeth distributed event brochures and reminded all commissioners to register online and encouraged all to invite a co-worker, neighbor, friend or family member to join them. In addition to the event brochure and posters, the event is marketed through multiple outreach methods including: Channel 11, press releases, Tempe Today, the Tempe Water bill newsletter, the Warner Wrangler, Arizona Republic Ads and email listserve email messages to neighborhood contacts. Shauna added that staff also relies on commissioners to help promote the Neighborhood Workshop and Awards. Extra brochures and event posters were available to take for workplaces, etc.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Committee Reports and Committee Membership**

- A. **Budget/Finance Committee** – No meeting was scheduled. There was only one response to the email sent out with potential meeting dates and three members minimum are needed for a quorum. Commissioners Sanborn and Smas requested that an email be sent to check the availability of the other committee members for a Saturday, May 7, 1-2 p.m. meeting.
- B. **Outreach Committee** – No meeting was scheduled.
- C. **Quality of Life/Neighborhood Enhancement/Codes Committee** – The committee met on March 22 at 6:45 p.m. at the Connections Café. Committee members agreed on the committee purpose and identified the following four goals:
  - 1. to advise and support City Council and City of Tempe in efforts to inform the public about issues of quality of life, code enforcement and Neighborhood Enhancement
  - 2. Provide suggestions about issues related to the committee purpose
  - 3. Engage the community on issues related to the community

4. Create partnerships with other committees of the Commission to field comments and inquiry about any issues related to the purpose of the committee.

The committee also established regular meeting dates and times. They will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Tempe Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 7 – Commission food selection alternatives**

General agreement was reached that pizza will be available at the meetings for \$1.00 per slice. Chair Wasko will bring the pizza to the meetings and collect the money for those interested.

**Agenda Item 8 - Proposed Agenda Items for May 4, 2011 Meeting**

- 2011 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Wrap Up
- Committee Reports
- 5 Communities Project, an initiative by the Center for the Future of Arizona and Lattie Coor
- Neighborhood Zip Teams

**Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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