

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission March 7, 2012

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on March 7, 2012 5:32 p.m. – 7:05 p.m., at City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Pete DeMott, Ann Lynn DiDomenico, Gary Johnson, Britney Scott Kaufman, Angela Lopez, Josephine McNamara, Russ Plieseis, Joe Pospicil, Julie Ramsey, John Sanborn, Michael Wasko

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Joe Agins, Joochul Kim, Robert Miller, Leonard Montenegro, Lisa Roach, Scott Smas, Bill Wagner.

(MEMBERS) Unexcused Absences:

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Wasko called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was none.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: February 1, 2012

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to approve the February 1, 2012 minutes and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Bus Service Changes Presentation and Discussion

Greg Jordan, Interim Public Works Deputy Director presented potential transit service changes for July 2012. This is the third round of a 3-year plan to stabilize the transit fund. Most proposals impacted express and Orbit routes, including a proposed fare for Orbit. The public comment period ends March 30. Commissioners filled out and turned in the public input survey on the potential changes.

Commissioner Adams expressed concern that the public outreach had an online emphasis, which missed seniors. She suggested staffing a table at Pyle. The topic of a new Orbit fleet was also discussed. The City has a grant for a prototype and will conduct analysis and a comprehensive public process prior to choosing the fleet. There is regional capital funding for the new fleet, proposed cuts are to the operating budget. The streetcar operating costs would have to be figured in after a balanced budget.

Agenda Item 5 - Commission Goals and Objectives Discussion

Commissioners reviewed the proposed Goals and Metrics and made the following changes:

Goal 1 – Metrics 1-2, add in numbers to determine amount to increase.

Goal 3 – Metric 2, modify to reflect that there may be more than one issue identified.

Goal 3 – Metric 3, modify last section to say “with maintenance on private property.”

Staff will provide a list and schedule of current safety events at the next meeting. Select commissioners also reported out on their experience reporting violations in their neighborhoods. The 2011 Community Satisfaction Survey will be presented to Council at their meeting on March 8. The results show that satisfaction with the enforcement of property maintenance codes has declined.

The Commission tentatively scheduled a park cleanup for 6th Street park for April 14, 2012 with an 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. start time. Staff will check with all Commission members on availability as well as with parks staff on a list of what needs to be done. Commission members still need to check with For Our City on their fall clean up.

Agenda Item 6 – Neighborhood Workshop and Awards Planning Update

The awards and workshop will take place Saturday, April 28. Shauna reviewed the program as well as the process for April’s meeting to consider and vote on award nominations. Commissioner McNamara provided an updated scoresheet for nominees that the Commission agreed to. Commissioners were reminded to promote the event.

Agenda Item 7 – Board and Commission Recruitment

There is one vacancy in the 85284 zip code. The next round of recruitments will be starting soon.

Agenda Item 8 - Proposed Agenda Items for April 4, 2012

- Selection of Neighbor of the Year, Residential Beautification and Clean and Tidy Alley Award Winners
- Discussion of June retreat

Shauna shared that the Tempe Elementary School District Board meetings fall on the same day and time as NAC meetings so Superintendent Chris Busch is unable to attend. If desired, staff can check with her about attending the June retreat. Planning staff will be scheduled in May.

Agenda Item 9 - Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director