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## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Neighborhood Affordable Housing Committee Meeting November 13, 2008**

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Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Affordable Housing Committee meeting, November 13, 2008, 6 pm, Tempe Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Tom Catlaw, Andy Hall, Pete DeMott

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Greg Ellison, Lisa Roach

**City Staff Present:** N/A

**Guests Present:** Allen Carlson, Executive Director, NewTown Community Development Corporation, Tempe, AZ.

### **Agenda Item 1—Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

### **Agenda Item 2—Discussion with Allen Carlson**

Allen Carlson provided the committee with information and updates on the following topics of interest:

- Affordable Housing Trust Fund. A draft ordinance creating the Affording Housing Trust Fund was scheduled to be presented to the Council’s Housing Committee on Tuesday November 18. It will include a proposal to create a seven (7) member oversight commission which would oversee distribution of Fund monies, which could be distributed to households with incomes up to 120% of median income. Mary Brooks of Center for Community Change is a national expert on housing trust funds. The NAC could consider forwarding a recommendation in support of the Trust Fund to the Council.
- NewTown and Community Land Trust. Carlson provided a detailed overview of NewTown and how community land trusts (CLT) work. A key feature of CLT is “subsidy retention.” Chandler has also initiated a CLT.
- Affordable housing needs in Tempe. It is hard to calculate what the precise need is. All affordability resources, including NewTown, have waiting lists. Some speculate about what the affect of new ASU dorms will be on the situation. Carlson described an “affordable housing continuum,” ranging from homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters to homeownership assistance for “workforce” housing. He provided examples of organizations and stakeholders in the city that are concerned with each part of the continuum.

- Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. Tempe did not get an award from the federal government for neighborhood stabilization. These funds are being made available to enable cities to respond to the foreclosure/housing crisis. Chandler received \$2.5 million; Phoenix \$38 million. The State of Arizona received some funds and Tempe could receive some funding through the State department of housing.
- Important Stakeholders in Tempe Housing Issues. The commission asked Carlson who some of the other key stakeholders in housing in the city were. He identified: Chris Salamone and Craig Hittie in the City; Chicanos Por La Causa; Tempe Community Action Program; ABC; Save the Family (Mesa); David Strang, a non-profit housing developer.

### **Agenda Item 3—Next Agenda and Meeting**

The committee agreed to extend an invitation to Beth Fiorenza, Tempe Community Action Agency, to attend its next meeting on December 11, 2008 at 6 pm. The commission discussed exploring a research project in conjunction with ASU and the Tempe Historical Museum that could chronicle some of the personal histories of the trailer park communities displaced along the Apache Boulevard corridor.

### **Agenda Item 4—Election of Committee Chair**

A motion was made by Pete DeMott to elect Lisa Roach, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. The motion was seconded by Tom Catlaw. The motion carried 3-0.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Prepared by Tom Catlaw and Andy Hall