

**Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
Neighborhood Affordable Housing Committee Meeting
June 26, 2009**

Minutes of the neighborhood Advisory Commission Affordable Housing Committee meeting, June 29, 2009 5:30PM, Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S Rural Road.

Members Present: Lisa Roach, Tom Catlaw, Andy Hall, Pete DeMott
Members Absent: None
City Staff present: None
Guests present: Kevin Kaesberg

Agenda item #1 – Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

Agenda item #2 – Public Comment

A call for public comment was made without any responses

Agenda item # 3 – Community Housing Workshop Proposal

We discussed housing changes and issues facing our community in regard to housing. This committee recommends the following action: ***“Working in conjunction with the Council Housing Committee, Tempe Housing Services and private entities to bring critical housing information to the community in the form of a workshop.”***

Agenda Item # 4 – United Way Permanent Supported Housing

We discussed the United Way Permanent Supported Housing proposal presented to the Council Committee on 06/16/09. This committee recommends the following action: ***Valley of the Sun United Way seeks to collaborate with the City of Tempe Housing Services Department in establishing a 35-unit scattered site project to provide long-term supportive housing to people without homes. The program would involve one-on-one intervention to develop housing plans focused on quick access to apartment housing, with follow-up case management and support services such as health care, job services, transportation, and life skills training. This approach has proven to be efficient and cost-effective, helping chronically homeless persons achieve stability, independence, and personal health and safety. The cost of homelessness is high. Life on the streets exacerbates illness and leads to the use of a variety of public systems in an inefficient and costly way. Ensuring a speedy transition into stable, permanent housing can result in significant cost savings to the City. With the City’s successful supportive housing track record and with the urgent need for increased units at this time, The Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission strongly supports creation of additional supportive housing in Tempe through the leveraging of already existing resources. We recommend the City proceed with the proposed initiative in partnership with Valley of the Sun United Way.***

Agenda item # 5 – Goals

On-going actions to disseminate information, support housing programs and to educate community in housing related issues.

Agenda Item # 6 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM