

Minutes

Neighborhood Advisory Commission

Neighborhood Outreach Committee Meeting

July 13, 2009

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Outreach Committee held on July 13, 2009, 6 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road

(MEMBERS) Present: Woody Wilson, Don Calender, Mike Wasko, Ira King

(MEMBERS) Absent: Susan Knudson, Jeffrey Sheppard

City Staff Present: None

Agenda Item 1 – Elect Chair

Commissioner King moved that Commissioner Wilson be elected chair. Commissioner Calender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 -- Review Annual Retreat Suggestions for Outreach Committee Projects

A. Neighborhood Corp/Friends of Neighborhoods, etc.

Discussion on how to establish criteria, organize and pay for a neighborhood program that would help the elderly and infirmed to remedy code violations on private, owner-occupied properties. Once a criteria is established, a concerted effort must be made to organize church groups, HOAs and NAs, the City of Tempe, Area Agency on Aging, etc. to work with Tempe's Code Enforcement Dept. to provide this service in a timely manner. Are there funds available to assist? Commissioner Wilson will call Mary Anna Bastin, COT's Volunteer Coordinator to check on resources. He will also get in touch with Steve Wise, who works with Area Agency on Aging. Can Tempe Community Council/Tempe Karma assist? Boy Scouts?

B. Discuss how to build community involvement through education & outreach

Discussion on how to teach neighborhood leaders to communicate with neighbors/residents through social networking. It is possible to have a couple of small seminars to establish whether this is a practical way of keeping neighbors in touch with issues in their neighborhoods; crime, beautification, code violations, parks problems, etc. This is a possible topic for the Neighborhood Leadership Workshop and Awards program in the spring. Another Outreach program would be to promote "Buy Tempe". If dollar spent at a store in Tempe is tax revenue toward mitigating our fiscal problems. "Eat, drink, shop Tempe...It All Comes Back to You" is a possible slogan. These tax dollars have a direct impact on neighborhoods and parks.

Agenda Item 3 – Preliminary Planning for the 2010 Neighborhood Workshop and Awards

A number of prospective topics are offered..

1. Social Networking for Neighborhoods – *"I Heard It on the Grapevine"*
2. Tempe Leadership – *"25 Years of Training Tempe's Future Leaders"*
3. Rebuilding Your Neighborhood Watch Program – *"Re-Energizing Your Community to Fight Crime"*
4. Tempe Parks – *"What is the Future For Our Parks Program?"*
5. Stimulus Money for Tempe – *"What Does Federal Stimulus Funding Mean for Neighborhoods?"*

Adjourn – 7:15 p.m.

Prepared by Woody Wilson, Chair