

## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Neighborhood Outreach Committee Meeting December 14, 2010**

**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Outreach Committee held on Dec. 14, 2010, 6 p.m. at Tempe Public Library, Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road**

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Woody Wilson, Ira King, Mike Wasko, Ira King, Lisa Roach

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Tom Catlaw

**City Staff Present:** Elizabeth Thomas, Tanya Chavez

**Agenda Item 1** – Select prospective workshop topics and speakers for 2011 Neighborhood Leadership Workshop, April 30, 2011.

**1. Meeting People, Making Friends and Getting Involved** -- Comprehensive look at the many volunteer opportunities available in Tempe. From helping the homeless to trimming trees, Tempe has a wealth of non-profits that provide services and assistance to needy Tempeans. The Tempe Community Council's Emma Border, who directs the TCC's Tempe Karma program, is suggested to conduct the workshop. Other speakers could include Mary Anna Bastin from COT and Woody Wilson, Tempe Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

**2. A Crystal Ball Look at Old Town Tempe** – With the economy on a slow rebound, what is in store for development of Tempe's vital downtown area? What will become of the Centerpoint Towers, the Hayden Flour Mill and development along the Town Lake. Workshop to be conducted by either Development Services Director Chris Anaradian, or Mayor Hallman.

**3. Parks, Programs and Perks** – A comprehensive look at the Best City Parks & Recreation Program in the State. A brief history combined with a present and future look at Tempe's Parks and Rec program. Parks & Rec program outreach coordinator, Denise Rentschler is suggested to conduct the workshop.

**4. Building Community One Garden at a Time** – A primer on how and where to build a private or community garden. It is suggested Mill Avenue Community's Lara Skutt, conduct this workshop at the Urban Garden site across the street from the COT Transportation Center. Part of "A Greener Tempe" informational series.

**5. Going Green, One Household at a Time** – A basic look at how Tempeans can make their households and neighborhoods a more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Neighborhood Services will look into who best to conduct this workshop.

**6. The Boomers are Coming, the Boomers are Coming!** – A comprehensive look at how Tempe will deal with the aging of the Baby Boomer Generation. What services are in place? What services will be needed in the very near future? Projections of Senior Citizens who will need services.

**7. The Tempe Transportation Transformation** – A comprehensive look at the evolution of the Tempe Transportation System and Light Rail. A short ride on the Light Rail with Tanya Chavez to explain how best to use Tempe's transportation assets. This workshop will be held off-site following the Neighbor of the Year and Beautification Awards, perhaps as a second session offering only and will not repeat.

**Other Options for electives:**

**A Walking Tour of Downtown Tempe** – A historic look at Tempe's historic structures and landmarks.

**Roof Rats, Feral Cats, Barking Dogs, Overgrown Weeds, Oh My! – Complaints 101.** Who, how and where to call or email to report a situation.

**Keynote Speaker**

It is suggested that our focus for this year's program should be Buy Tempe, and that Kimber Lanning, creator of Local First, be asked to be our keynote speaker next year if we have a keynote. Kimber's workshop for last year's event was small but extremely well-received.

**Booths/Activities in the foyer area outside the Don Casano room at the Transportation Center:**

**APS. SRP & IKEA**  
**Bike Cellar Tours**  
**ERIC Unit on site**  
**PD Crime Prevention**  
**Fire Department – Fire & Pool Safety**

**Agenda Item # 2**

Election of Outreach Chair for 2011 – Commissioner King nominated Commissioner Maureen DeCindis as Outreach chair; seconded by Commissioner Wasko. Vote is unanimous.

Minutes prepared by Commissioner Wilson