

Memorandum



Community Services

Date: November 8, 2007

To: Mayor and Council

From: Social Services and Culture Committee
Councilmember Barbara Carter, Chair
Councilmember Shana Ellis

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Subject: Social Services and Culture Council Committee Work Plan

Attached you will find the Social Services and Culture Council Committee Work Plan 2007-2008 for the City Council's review and acceptance.

<p style="text-align: center;">Social Services and Culture Committee Work Plan 2007-08</p>
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Goal 1:

Strengthen, promote and develop Community Service facilities and programs that serve the public.

- Monitor the design, development and of the renovation of the Tempe Historical Museum.
- Monitor the design, development and of the renovation of the Tempe Public Library.
- Examine and review the facility needs of the Edna Vihel Center.
- Examine options to enhance programming and develop a “Campus of Culture” at the Community Center Complex at Rural and Southern.
- Monitor the development of downtown Library.
- Monitor the development of the projected downtown children’s museum.

Goal 2:

Strengthen and promote the development of Historical Properties

- Monitor and use and maintenance of the Peterson House.
- Monitor and examine the potential use and development / renovation opportunities of the Eisendrath House.
- Monitor and examine the potential acquisition of additional historic properties.
- Monitor the use of the Elias Rodriguez House.

Goal 3:

Promote and encourage the development of the Arts programming in Tempe.

- Explore and review Tempe Center for the Arts operational strategies.
- Explore, examine and assess various arts partnerships opportunities.
- Explore opportunities for annual cultural and arts festivals in conjunction with the new Tempe Center for the Arts and adjacent arts park.
- Monitor and review the arts district development to the west of the Tempe Center for the Arts.

- Explore and examine community fund raising opportunities for the Arts Park and TCA in partnership with the Rio Salado Foundation.

Goal 4:

Review and Assess programs and services administered through and with the Tempe Community Council

- Explore event fees to benefit human services.
- Examine the Shared Living Program transition.
- Assess the senior services inventory.
- Review Tempe Community Council Benefits.

Goal 5:

Review and examine the coordination and implementation of services targeted at moving individuals from homelessness to home ownership.

- Advocate for the continued federal funding of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Develop partnerships with non-profits to increase the stock of transitional living and affordable housing units.
- Monitor and examine a “Housing First” model program to provide permanent housing and supportive services to chronically homeless individuals.
- Examine and promote programs that reach out to homeless individuals and engage them in services to end homelessness.
- Develop partnerships to assist displaced individuals and families.