

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Meeting April 2, 2008

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on April 2, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at Apache Boulevard Police Substation Community Room, 1855 East Apache Boulevard, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present: Erik Anthony Aldrete, Pete De Mott, Andy Hall, Kevin Kaesberg, Ira King, Susan Knudson, Alex Podressoff, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, John Sanborn, Jason Short, William Wagner, Michael Wasko, Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Excused Absences: Don Calender, Tom Catlaw, Greg Ellison, Faye Farmer, Jeffrey Sheppard, Bill Weigele.

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director, Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Kaesberg called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

There was none.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: March 5, 2008 Meeting

The March 5, 2008 minutes were considered for approval. Commissioner Knudson moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion of Group Home Regulations

For information only. Shauna Warner presented information on group home regulations. Group homes must comply with City codes and ordinances but are regulated by the State. The homes must be licensed by the State and adult/elderly assisted and foster care homes can not be located closer than 1200 feet from another home. Developmentally Disabled homes do not have the separation requirement but are still required to comply with building safety occupancy requirements and state licensing requirements. All of these homes are licensed by the State of Arizona and complaints and or questions from residents regarding the operation of facilities can be addressed to: Assisted Living Licensing, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 4th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Agenda Item 5 – Update on Mobile Home Relocation Policy & Hot Team Members

Chair Kaesberg reminded commission members that he had agreed to serve as chair of the Hot Team with Commissioner Weigele serving as a member. Two openings remain. The Hot Team will be available and prepared to research issues, compile statements and support the efforts of other groups as needed. There was no additional information to share at this time.

Agenda Item 6 – Neighborhood Workshop Update

Elizabeth Thomas provided an overview of the status of the Neighborhood Workshop and Awards to be held April 5, 2008, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Event press coverage has been excellent. Staff is expecting approximately 150 attendees.. Essence Catering will supply the breakfast

refreshments. Commissioners were encouraged to attend and to volunteer. Those that want to volunteer should arrive around 7 a.m. to help with set up and registration. Commissioners Wilson, Wasko, Knutson, Podressoff and Roach indicated their plans to do so.

Agenda Item 7 – Selection of Retreat Dates and Topics

The Commission discussed possible retreat topics including: Neighborhood Workshop and Awards; Committee Structure; Recap of Past Year; and Goals for Next Year. Topics will be finalized at the May 7, 2008 NAC meeting. The Commission asked staff to look into a Saturday, June 7, 2008 date for the retreat with the possibility of skipping the June 4 and July 2 meetings, holding July 9 as a possible meeting date if determined to be necessary.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of Maricopa County Property Tax

For information only. The Commission discussed property valuations and the process for assessment by the County. Consideration was given as to whether this commission has the responsibility to learn more about this topic. After additional discussion, the suggestion was made that commissioners desiring to learn more visit the Maricopa County Assessor website at <http://www.maricopa.gov/Assessor>.

Agenda Item 9 – Committee Reports

A. Business Committee

Chair Wasko reviewed the minutes (see Attachment A) emphasizing the desire of the group to help attract more visitors including locals to downtown to see the sites, visit local businesses and spend money. Chair Wasko encouraged commission members to submit responses to Shauna and Elizabeth regarding the question What do you suggest we do to draw you to downtown? The possibility of a downtown field trip highlighting things to do was discussed.

Commission members also noted the importance of encouraging money spent anywhere in Tempe rather than just the downtown area.

B. Codes Committee

There was no meeting.

C. Outreach Committee

There was no meeting.

D. Transportation Committee

There was no meeting.

Agenda Item 10 - Proposed Agenda Items for May 7, 2008

- **Downtown Tempe Community**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Selection of Retreat Dates and Topics**
- **Neighborhood Workshop Recap**
- **Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Council Committee Update**
- **Jay Butler with ASU recommended as a future guest speaker**

Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment

Commissioner Knudson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by:
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director



**Draft Minutes
Neighborhood Advisory Commission
Neighborhood Business Committee Meeting
March 25, 2008**

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Business Committee held on March 25, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Connections Café, Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present: Mike Wasko, Chair; Kevin Kaesberg; Ira King; Woody Wilson.

(MEMBERS) Absent: John Sanborn.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Wasko called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Educate Tempeans as consumers, and spending more money in Tempe

Need to determine if there is really a need or opportunity to increase these monies.

ACTION ITEM: Request from Staff assistance in obtaining info such as “Total Retail Sales” and “Sales Per Capita”. We can compare numbers to peer cities.

Bringing “new” money to Tempe gravitated toward attracting people to downtown. Some ideas were felt to be the responsibility of business groups such as DTC:

- New retailers, new experience

- Live music

- Downtown residential

- Website, flyer, circular, distributed OUTSIDE downtown to help advertise.

Other ideas floated that could be driven by NAC and the consumer:

Improve South Tempe feelings towards North Tempe/Downtown. Could provide South Tempe water bill flyers or coupons encouraging visits to downtown.

Free wireless internet service.

Invite speakers to NAC meetings for more help in identifying what consumer wants.

- Magazine articles, website, with downtown residents, visitors input.

Agenda Item 3 – Using and improving tempe.gov Development website

There was no discussion.

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm.

Prepared by: Chair Wasko