

## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission December 3, 2008**

**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on December 3, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Apache Boulevard Police Substation Community Room, 1855 East Apache Boulevard, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Tom Catlaw, Don Calender, Pete De Mott, Andy Hall, Kevin Kaesberg, Joochul Kim, Ira King, Susan Knudson, Alex Podressoff, Joe Pospicil, Lisa Roach, Jason Short, Michael Wasko, Woody Wilson.

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absences:** Erik Anthony Aldrete, Greg Ellison, John Sanborn, Jeffrey Sheppard, William Wagner.

**City Staff Present:** Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director; Dawn Coomer, Senior Transportation Planner, 480/350-8550, dawn\_coomer@tempe.gov; Jyme Sue McLaren, 480/350-8803, jymesue\_mclaren@tempe.gov.

**Guests Present:** Wulf Grote, Valley Metro; Terry Nash, Valley Metro.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Kaesberg called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. without a quorum

### **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

There was none.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: October 1, 2008 and November 5, 2008**

A quorum was reached at 5:40 p.m. Commissioner King moved that the October 1, 2008 minutes be approved with a correction that Commissioner Pospicil was not in attendance. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Knudson moved that the November 5, 2008 minutes be approved with a correction that Commissioner Pospicil was not in attendance and that Commissioner Sanborn was in attendance. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Tempe South Corridor Study Update**

Wulf Grote, Valley Metro presented the Tier 2 findings of the Tempe South Corridor Study to the Commission. Tier 2 narrowed options for high capacity transit south of the existing light rail starter line. The McClintock corridor was eliminated and commuter rail was deferred from the study.

Evaluation criteria for the remaining alternatives included: rider benefits; traffic issues; economic development; environmental; historic properties; and costs. The remaining alternatives being studied include: 1) Bus Rapid Transit parallel to the Union Pacific Railroad Chandler Boulevard to Broadway; 2) Bus Rapid Transit Kyrene to Baseline, Mill to downtown; 3) Modern Streetcar, Chandler to Rural, Southern to Mill to downtown; 4) Bus Rapid Transit down Rural from Chandler to downtown and 5) Rural light rail extended to Southern from current line.

Commissioner Catlaw inquired as to whether social impacts are factored in the study. The environmental study does evaluate the social impact and involves mitigation efforts. Commissioner Calender asked about the possibility of moving forward with more than one alternative.

Next steps are to hold public meetings December 9 and 10. After the public input, staff will recommend a locally preferred alternative, which will be presented at additional public meetings and for Council approval.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Nomination of Officers**

Commissioner Short moved that Chair Kaesberg be nominated for a second term as Chairperson, Commissioner Knudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kaesberg moved that Vice Chair Wasko be nominated for a second term as Vice Chair, Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Elections will take place at the January 7, 2009 meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 6– Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature Update**

Shauna Warner informed Commissioners that due to budget cuts, Neighborhood Day at the State Legislature will not be held in 2009. Staff is looking at scheduling a separate meet and greet with state legislators for Tempe residents.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Committee Reports and Consideration of Minutes**

##### **A. Codes Committee**

The Codes Committee did not meet.

##### **B. Green/Sustainability Committee**

Commissioner Knudson reviewed the minutes from the Green/Sustainability Committee meeting of November 18, 2008 (See Attachment A). The committee reviewed additional information collected by members including proper disposal of hazardous waste.

Commissioner Calender moved that the November 18, 2008 minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Knudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The committee will not meet again until January.

##### **C. Affordable Housing Committee**

Commissioner Catlaw reviewed the minutes from the Affordable Housing Committee meeting of November 13, 2008 (See Attachment B). The Committee had a presentation by Allen Carlson of Newtown CDC on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Newtown CDC, Community Land Trust of Tempe. They also discussed affordable housing issues facing Tempe with Mr. Carlson.

Commissioner Calender moved that the November 18, 2008 minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Their next meeting will be December 11, 2008.

##### **D. Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee did not meet. Their next meeting will be January 12, 2009.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Agenda Items for January 7, 2009**

Election of Officers; Stardust video on affordable housing; Committee Reports and Council Committees.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Director

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**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Green Sustainability Committee, November 18, 2008, 5:30 p.m. Pyle Center, 655 E. Southern.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Sue Knudson, Ira King, Jason Short, Mike Wasko and Jeffrey Sheppard.

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Kevin Kaesberg

**City Staff Present:** None.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Meeting started 5:45 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Review of Green Sustainability Information Collected by Committee Members**

Commissioner Knudson discussed Hazmat waste access within City of Tempe. She detailed that the city accepts many more items than most realize, items such as, CFC bulbs, prescription medications. Commissioner Knudson pointed out the ease of drop off and the benefits of dropping hazmat items. *ACTION ITEM*, for this committee to ask Shauna Warner or Elizabeth Thomas if the NAC could have a presentation from a representative from Hazard-Waste division.

Commissioner Sheppard reviewed the residential offers and benefits offered by SRP and APS for households to be more 'Green'. They offer many credits for converting appliances and energy devices to gas or other better performing energy use.

Commissioner Short presented what are the major points ASU (Tempe campus) is seeking to be more 'green'. They have a detailed plan that includes involving student/faculty to be active participants. As an example they offer alternatives for refilling drinking water over bringing and purchasing more and more plastic water bottles.

**Agenda Item 3 – Desired Outcome of Initiatives or Goals – Next Steps**

Recap of Goals and Initiatives of this committee;

- As a group we agree our best contribution will be to educate the community on sizable 'sustainability' initiatives offered by Tempe, and various utility companies.
- We will continue to more research to provide clear education plan to be reviewed by NAC.

**Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment**

Commissioner King made a motion to hold the next sub-committee meeting January 13, 2009, Commissioner Short seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Knudson motioned for adjournment at 6:45 PM, Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Commissioner Sheppard

## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Neighborhood Affordable Housing Committee Meeting November 13, 2008**

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Affordable Housing Committee meeting, November 13, 2008, 6 pm, Tempe Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road.

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Tom Catlaw, Andy Hall, Pete DeMott

**(MEMBERS) Absent:** Greg Ellison, Lisa Roach

**City Staff Present:** N/A

**Guests Present:** Allen Carlson, Executive Director, NewTown Community Development Corporation, Tempe, AZ.

### **Agenda Item 1—Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

### **Agenda Item 2—Discussion with Allen Carlson**

Allen Carlson provided the committee with information and updates on the following topics of interest:

- Affordable Housing Trust Fund. A draft ordinance creating the Affording Housing Trust Fund was scheduled to be presented to the Council's Housing Committee on Tuesday November 18. It will include a proposal to create a seven (7) member oversight commission which would oversee distribution of Fund monies, which could be distributed to households with incomes up to 120% of median income. Mary Brooks of Center for Community Change is a national expert on housing trust funds. The NAC could consider forwarding a recommendation in support of the Trust Fund to the Council.
- NewTown and Community Land Trust. Carlson provided a detailed overview of NewTown and how community land trusts (CLT) work. A key feature of CLT is "subsidy retention." Chandler has also initiated a CLT.
- Affordable housing needs in Tempe. It is hard to calculate what the precise need is. All affordability resources, including NewTown, have waiting lists. Some speculate about what the affect of new ASU dorms will be on the situation. Carlson described an "affordable housing continuum," ranging from homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters to homeownership assistance for "workforce" housing. He provided examples of organizations and stakeholders in the city that are concerned with each part of the continuum.

- Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. Tempe did not get an award from the federal government for neighborhood stabilization. These funds are being made available to enable cities to respond to the foreclosure/housing crisis. Chandler received \$2.5 million; Phoenix \$38 million. The State of Arizona received some funds and Tempe could receive some funding through the State department of housing.
- Important Stakeholders in Tempe Housing Issues. The commission asked Carlson who some of the other key stakeholders in housing in the city were. He identified: Chris Salamone and Craig Hittie in the City; Chicanos Por La Causa; Tempe Community Action Program; ABC; Save the Family (Mesa); David Strang, a non-profit housing developer.

### **Agenda Item 3—Next Agenda and Meeting**

The committee agreed to extend an invitation to Beth Fiorenza, Tempe Community Action Agency, to attend its next meeting on December 11, 2008 at 6 pm. The commission discussed exploring a research project in conjunction with ASU and the Tempe Historical Museum that could chronicle some of the personal histories of the trailer park communities displaced along the Apache Boulevard corridor.

### **Agenda Item 4—Election of Committee Chair**

A motion was made by Pete DeMott to elect Lisa Roach, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. The motion was seconded by Tom Catlaw. The motion carried 3-0.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Prepared by Tom Catlaw and Andy Hall