

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Outreach Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Outreach Committee, October 21, 2008, 5:30 p.m. Tempe Library Connections Cafe

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

(MEMBERS) Absent: Tom Catlaw, Don Calender

City Staff Present: Shauna Warner

Guests Present: N/A

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting started 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 3 – Finalize List of Neighborhood Workshop Breakout Sessions

Agenda Item 3 was discussed first and focused on finalizing the Neighborhood Leadership Workshop, April 18th, 2009. Commissioner Wilson reported that Donovan Rypkema has confirmed his appearance as keynote speaker for the event. His speech will be sponsored by the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation, and THPF will pay all costs.

Shauna Warner suggested that because Mr. Rypkema is such a well-known expert on the economic benefits of historic preservation, that we expand the workshops to include a range of related topics. She suggested Mr. Rypkema conduct one of the breakout sessions himself and answer questions about what historic preservation means to a community in the long-term. All commissioners agreed.

Another workshop proposed would be what historic preservation can mean to a commercial, downtown area, such as the Mill Avenue District. Commissioner Wilson suggested that Victor Linoff conduct that workshop, as he is a local expert on the subject. Commissioner Wilson will contact Mr. Linoff and see if he is available to conduct the session.

Commissioner Wilson suggested another workshop dealing with the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability and what that will mean to the future of North Tempe and Papago Park. He suggested Mayor Hallman may want to conduct that workshop, and that he will contact the mayor with the idea.

One more workshop will remain to be decided by the NAC members at the monthly meeting on Nov. 5th. Commissioner Roach suggested that we somehow include either a workshop, or a video loop in the lobby of the Oral Histories in the Tempe Historical Museum Collection. This

archive is valuable resource for information about Tempe and its history. The committee acknowledged that this was a good idea and we should find a way to include it on April 18th.

Since public safety and community issues are always relevant at the Neighborhood Leadership Workshop, staff will contact the police, fire, transportation and parks departments to set up staffed, informational kiosks at the Pyle Center on April 18th.

Agenda Item 4 – Develop and Coordinate Neighbor of the Year Awards

Neighbor of the Year Awards – Discussion on how the awards will be presented and a review of the evaluation form. Shauna Warner presented last year's evaluation form. Commissioner Wilson inquired about a limit on group awards, as the awards are expensive. Shauna Warner suggested certificates and Tempe binders as awards for larger groups.

Agenda Item 2 – Revisit Friends of Neighborhood Concept

Commissioner Wilson revisited Commissioner Roach's concept of a Tempe Neighborhood Corp, or Friends of Neighborhoods to assist older people with light yardwork and landscaping. It was suggested that Codes Enforcement deal with these referrals and pass them along to the appropriate agencies.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Woody Wilson