



Approved June 22, 2022

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

**ONE CIVIC CENTER – COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOMS
7447 E INDIAN SCHOOL RD SUITE 105**

PRESENT: William James, Chair
Jonathan Budwig, Vice Chair (telephonic)
Rachel Putman, Commissioner
Larry Hewitt, Commissioner
Louise Lamb, Commissioner
Carol Miraldi, Commissioner

ABSENT: Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Commissioner

STAFF: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison
Christy Hill, Citizen Liaison
Jennifer Gill, Public Art Manager
Mike Winslow, Police Analyst II
Ross Heyl, Citizen Advisor

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as stated above.

Public Comment

No comments were submitted.

1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes March 24, 2022

Chair James called for comments/corrections. There were no corrections.

COMMISSIONER HEWITT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER PUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH

CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS PUTMAN, HEWITT, LAMB AND MIRALDI VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Scottsdale Public Art: IN FLUX

Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, noted that no public comments have been received.

Christy Hill, Citizen Liaison, provided an overview of the IN FLUX program. The impetus began with contact from a resident of Village Grove 7 regarding the conditions in the area of 82nd Street and Thomas Road on both the north and south sides of Thomas Road. An overview of street, landscape and neighborhood conditions was provided. An summary of the concerns was provided to the NAC last year, which also included issues with the Public Works Site, with poor conditions of the concrete riser and well. Staff requested and received funding from NAC for the cost of rock and rock laying and this work was completed. Staff also worked with SRP, the City and various utility companies to paint the risers and utility boxes. The area will be now be cleaned on a quarterly basis.

Public Arts approved the area for inclusion in the INFLUX program. Jennifer Gill, Public Art Manager provided an overview of the INFLUX program, its artists and community projects, including some of the completed projects. The program consists of six area partner cities. The purpose is to create connections between community organization, city governments, local businesses, artists and the public through temporary public artworks. The call for artists and selection process was reviewed. Artist Uke Lee (phonetic) was chosen to create a proposed mural for the project, which was ultimately approved.

In response to a question from Commissioner James, Ms. Gill stated that they have not received any comments on the completed project as yet, however, staff will be issuing a major press release once all the projects are complete by the end of June.

Chair James noted that the original concerns were brought by a community member and he inquired as to their reaction to the completed improvements. Ms. Hill stated that staff has not heard from the resident as yet.

Commissioner Hewitt inquired as to responsibility for upkeep. Ms. Gill stated that the responsibility technically lies with the artist, however staff will work with the artist, who has since relocated to New York, to coordinate upkeep. The mural has also been treated with a protective coating.

Commissioner Putman asked about other projects in the program. Ms. Gill stated that there are four projects currently going in Scottsdale.

In response to a question from Commissioner Putman, Ms. Gill noted that the mural is meant to be temporary. Depending on funding, another mural may be created in its place. If not, it will eventually be painted over.

Chair James inquired about the time frame for the program cycle. Ms. Gill stated that the each INFLUX cycle lasts for one year. This particular project has been extended for an additional year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miraldi, Ms. Gill said that projects are chosen based upon available partnerships and funding opportunities.

3. Scottsdale Police Analytics Overview

Mr. Yaron noted that no public comments have been received. This item is as result of a request from Commissioner Schwartz-Manock.

Mike Winslow, Police Analyst II, gave an overview and tutorial of the website: communitycrimemap.com, with available data including crime type, report number, date and time. Tip software is also linked, which allows citizens to provide information anonymously. The density map shows hotspots of activity. For Scottsdale in particular, the majority of crimes are property crimes. Website users have the ability to sign up for crime alerts within a specific radius of their choice.

Commissioner Lamb asked for clarification on the information available on the website versus a specific request for public records. Mr. Winslow clarified that the website only provides crime reports, which is separate than calls for service detail.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hewett, Mr. Winslow clarified that the details included on the website result from information collected whenever a police report is taken.

Vice Chair Budwig asked about benefits derived from the increased numbers of residential cameras. Mr. Winslow stated that the Ring platform was originally developed to aid law enforcement. However, the user is relied upon to send the data. The footage can be shared on the Neighbors App and the police department does receive these notifications. This has been a useful resource for law enforcement.

4. SCOTTSDALE NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

Mr. Yaron stated that this item was based on a request from Commissioner Schwartz-Manock at the last meeting. There were no public comments received.

Ross Heyl, Citizen Advisor, provided an overview of the goals, purpose and benefits of the program. There are currently 220 active Neighborhood Watch captains and co-captains and 120 active Neighborhood Watch groups. The program is based upon the concept of simply being observant in daily life and is also designed to increase a sense of community. It is notable that in areas where there is more involvement, crime rates are generally lower. An outline of the process for forming a neighborhood group was provided. The areas of greatest reporting activity at this time include: Airbnbs, catalytic converter thefts and homelessness issues. Methods and advice for maintaining active groups was discussed. In order to maintain an official Neighborhood Watch group with the

City, the group must have at least one social gathering per year. The process of purchasing Neighborhood Watch group signs was reviewed. The signs are maintained and replaced by the City, when necessary. Groups are also educated as to other available community programs in the City.

Commissioner Putman asked how a citizen would determine whether they should join an existing group or form their own group. Mr. Heyl recommended that citizens give him a call and provide their address. He can then assist them with available groups in the area.

Commissioner Hewitt inquired about available promotional material. Mr. Heyl confirmed that blank flyers and templates are available, as are packets for prospective captains.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miraldi regarding restart requirements for groups that have not had a meeting in two years, Mr. Heyl stated that there are no specific requirements. There is a grace period for missed meetings.

In response to a question from Commissioner Lamb, Mr. Heyl stated that he has never been aware of any conflict of interest issues between HOAs and Neighborhood Watch. Commissioner Lamb noted that renters are not permitted to attend HOA meetings and therefore, HOAs may not have complete information on those who may be renters. Mr. Heyl stated that he was not aware of any ensuing problems from this situation. Renters are always welcome to be part of Neighborhood Watch groups.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were requested for future meetings:

- Sustainability: Tree canopy concepts
- G.A.I.N. program (September)

6. Staff Updates

Mr. Yaron stated that Mr. Reynolds will serve as staff support. Mr. McMahon took a position with Paradise Valley.

The next meeting will be on June 22, 2022.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Lamb and seconded by Commissioner Miraldi, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

AYES: Chair James, Vice Chair Budwig, Commissioners Lamb, Hewitt, Miraldi and Putman.
NAYS: None

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