



Approved March 27, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO – NAVE
7506 EAST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Larry Hewitt, Chair
Nancy Doty Brady
Louise Lamb
Richard Siegel
George Spatola (Remote, arrived at 5:12 p.m.)
Craig Handzlik

ABSENT: Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Chair (Vice Chair)

STAFF: Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison
Nick Carroll, Staff Coordinator
Racheal Smetana, Community Services Manager
Dale Wiebusch, Government Relations Director

GUESTS: Raoul Zubia, Partners for Paiute Board Member

Call to Order

Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

COMMISSIONER SIEGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 24, 2024, NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DOTY BRADY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR HEWITT AND COMMISSIONERS DOTY BRADY, HANDZLIK, LAMB, AND SIEGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK AND COMMISSIONER SPATOLA WERE NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Scottsdale Government Relations – 2024 Legislative Agenda

Commissioner Spatola arrived remotely to the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Dale Wiebusch, Government Relations Director, gave a presentation (attached) on Scottsdale's 2024 Legislative Agenda, focusing on items related to Scottsdale neighborhoods. His presentation included extensive discussion regarding the status of bills related to housing and short-term rentals. He talked about the lack of affordable housing in the area, speculating that possible reasons for the lack of building include high interest rates/financing, the price of land, and the limited availability of land in Scottsdale. He explained that the majority of land available near Scottsdale is State Trust Land, which is mandated to go to the highest bidder. He talked about the history of short-term rentals in the state of Arizona, referencing SB 1350, which was signed into law in 2016. He explained that the bill was passed primarily because it was being sold as empty nesters renting out a room to make extra income, which is not what has happened. He gave an overview of three Scottsdale policy proposals regarding short-term rentals that were adopted by the League of Cities and Towns and which were condensed into senate bills that did not receive a hearing.

Mr. Wiebusch reviewed Housing and Zoning bills that are currently in the senate which would affect the regulation of lot size and square footage, parking requirements, and the protection of zoning in neighborhoods regarding the regulation of building size and the use of accessory dwelling units on single-family-zoned lots. He gave an overview of the Arizona State Legislator website and encouraged all citizens to sign up.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions throughout the presentation.

3. Paiute Neighborhood Center and Programming

Racheal Smetana, Community Services Manager, gave a presentation (attached) concerning community programs and social services provided at the Paiute Neighborhood Center. Her presentation included the history of the Center, which dates back to the early 1990's when the city saw a need in the neighborhood for services, purchased the property, and collaborated with private businesses, the education community, and local organizations to invest in the vision that was the Paiute Neighborhood Center.

In 1995, when the Center opened, it was contemplated as a brokerage campus and provided many services, including low-cost health care and dental clinics and school programs. The

Center has since evolved to focus on emergency crisis social work and assisting folks who have fallen on hard times and need assistance. Social workers meet with people to facilitate emergency referrals and food boxes and to assist in filling gaps to help keep them from being evicted and guide them back to self-sufficiency. The difference between the Paiute Neighborhood Center and Vista del Camino is that Vista del Camino has federal funds from the County that they can use for assistance, which typically have a long wait time. The Paiute Neighborhood Center has no access to government funding and relies on community partners. Paiute focuses on assisting those people who are in a position where if a small need can be funded now, they will be able to stay housed on their own. The Paiute Neighborhood Center also acts as a satellite for Vista del Camino's food bank.

The campus houses the Community Assistance Office, which assists with Housing Choice Vouchers, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers; aids with emergency repairs for those who qualify; and oversees the City's CDBG, HOME, and Scottsdale Cares funding programs. The Family Resource Center is funded by First Things First, which is a voter initiative for an extra tobacco tax mandated to go toward programs for children ages zero to five. In addition to City programs, part of the Center is leased to Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC), Head Start early education program, and Hirsch Academy.

Ms. Smetana gave an update on the 2019 bond project for municipal building replacement, which was planned to be done in conjunction with a project to add a grant-funded affordable housing project but has been put on hold due to losing the affordable housing project grant funding. She gave an overview of the social workers' involvement with the Bridge Housing Program, trends being seen by social workers, and changes to the demographics of the neighborhoods surrounding the Center.

Raoul Zubia, Board Member for Partners for Paiute, provided information on their programs at Paiute. His presentation included a review of the history of Partners for Paiute and the evolution of their efforts from focusing solely on the Paiute Neighborhood Center to expanding coverage to the community in general. They work with Paiute social workers to provide a variety of assistance.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Smetana said that they have a supply of car seats for those who qualify and have a full-time staff member available to help with car seat installation.

4. Neighborhood Advisory Commission Bylaw Update

Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison, provided a brief presentation (attached) that reviewed amendments that were made to the bylaws based on commissioner comments during the January 24, 2024 meeting. He recommended adoption of the bylaw update.

COMMISSIONER SIEGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE BYLAW UPDATE. CHAIR HEWITT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR HEWITT AND COMMISSIONERS DOTY BRADY, HANDZLIK, LAMB, SIEGEL, AND SPATOLA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Future Meeting agenda items could include:

- Periodic informational presentations on statewide and/or local municipal issues that may affect neighborhoods – including proposed legislation and text amendments.

6. Staff Updates

Mr. Reynolds announced that the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards ceremony and presentation to City Council is scheduled for March 19, 2024. Commissioners Lamb and Spatola will represent the Commission, presenting the awards.

Adjournment

CHAIR HEWITT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER LAMB SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR HEWITT AND COMMISSIONERS DOTY BRADY, HANDZLIK, LAMB, SIEGEL, AND SPATOLA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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