Tempe

# Minutes
# Neighborhood Advisory Commission
# September 3, 2014

**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on September 3, 2014 5:35-7:00 p.m., at 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 31 East 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present**: Karen Adams, Nancy Buell, Arlene Chin, Kiyomi Kurooka, Josephine McNamara, Robert Miller, Jon Mulford, Bill Munch, Julie Ramsey, Joaquin Rios, Scott Smas, Bill Wagner, Christopher Ware.

**(MEMBERS) Excused Absences:** Cole Hickman, Nancy Lesko, Russ Plieseis.

**City Staff Present:** Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager, Lieutenant Noah Johnson, Police Department, 480-858-6332, noah_johnson@tempe.gov, Nancy Ryan, Community Development, Project Management Coordinator, 480-350-8096, nancy_ryan@tempe.gov, Laura Kajfez, Neighborhood Services Specialist, 480-350-2840, laura_kajfez@tempe.gov

**Guests Present:** None.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Minutes: August 9, 2014**
Commissioner Mulford made a motion to approve the August 9, 2014 minutes and Commissioner Smas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Safe and Sober Campaign Update**
Commander Noah Johnson provided an update regarding the 2014 Safe and Sober Campaign which is in coordination with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) along with 17 Valley police agencies. The Campaign which began on August 21 and concludes September 6 (Th/Fri/Sat evenings) and after the first three days has thus resulted in 392 total arrests to date with 146 being DUI, another 112 being minor in consumption of alcohol, 35 minor in possession of alcohol and 99 other arrests. The other arrests category can include: assaults, suspended licenses,

probation issues, etc. This sizable operation is funded by a GOHS grant that made it possible for the multi-agency participation and enforcement in the City of Tempe. Commissioners inquired if the grant would continue, the hope is that it will but status remains unknown from year to year.

Prior to this year's Safe and Sober campaign, Tempe Police Department partnered with Arizona State University Police Department, ASU Student Leadership Representatives, ASU Student Services and Tempe Neighborhood Services to conduct a three-day door to door welcome back walk in specific neighborhoods with a history of loud party calls and close proximity to ASU. Late afternoons from August 18 through August 20, small groups with ASU and Tempe representation visited single family neighborhoods to offer new residents, including student renters, and long-term residents information/resources on crime prevention and safety as well as tips for being good neighbors. All residents had the opportunity to briefly interact and get their questions answered.

Commissioners asked if PD is initiating conversations with high rise apartment owners. Commander Johnson indicated yes whenever possible. Changes in ownership can prove challenging but he has a full time Crime Prevention Officer Jeff Lane working in this capacity encouraging apartments to consider working towards Crime Free Multi-Housing designation whenever possible. In addition, many incoming freshmen were reached through the Passport Experience at ASU where City of Tempe Crime Prevention Officers had an informational table presence along with multiple ASU services.

Efforts are also being made during daytime hours to educate and create awareness for bicyclists about the rules of the road and the dangers of wrong way riding. Commander Johnson also confirmed that it is not against the law to ride your bicycle while drunk, however, there are other factors that can result in a bicyclist having contact with law enforcement such as no required bike light at night.

**Agenda Item 5 – Character Areas Update**

Nancy Ryan provided a significant overview of Kiwanis/The Lakes and Corona/South Tempe character areas and outreach including: meetings, online visual preference surveys, postcards, door hangers and emails conducted to date. All workshops have been well attended with a varied mix of returning faces and new faces. The first workshop focused on what is good/missing/should be preserved? The second focused on vision and character. The third meeting established priorities and strategies for key ideas and projects. The next meetings will be in October and will highlight the draft plan for each neighborhood. Final plans for each of these character areas are expected to be released in December and the format may be a graphic poster rather than a book. The next two character areas have yet to be announced by Mayor and Council. Commissioners were encouraged to provide their input.

Some commissioners expressed concern about the Character Areas defining process being done prematurely, noting that change should be organic and should evolve and come through the neighborhoods initiation.

Commissioners asked what does a plan and naming of a character area potentially do in Tempe? Nancy emphasized that with the communication, support and advocacy of residents, it could mean neighbors coming together working on a neighborhood grant application, the advancement of a

CIP project such as improvements to arterial walls, a tool for developers to use and consider before submitting a project, a factor for Development Review Commission to include when looking at what is compatible and not compatible with a given neighborhood, a means to advocate for more local restaurants, outdoor dining, and priorities like enhanced bike accessibility and aging in place. Character Areas offer the potential to rally the neighborhoods , pull resources together and to be mindful of what is wanted and desired by those who live, work and play there.

**Agenda Item 6 – Solid Waste Code – Mixed Bulk Trash and Green Waste Communication and Outreach**

Staff agreed to forward the invitation to the Tuesday, September 23 Mixed Bulk Trash and Green Waste Focus Groups to be held at the Library. Mayor and Council have provided direction to have 6 mixed collections and three green collections effective January 2015. The Focus Groups will be centered on how best to communicate the schedule changes. Participants will be provided examples and asked what is the best, easy to understand and workable schedule for the pick-ups and how would you like this to be communicated?

**Agenda Item 7 – Zoning and Development Code Amendments Language Update**

Shauna provided a handout from Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director and DeeDee Kimbrell, Business Project Coordinator regarding the language proposed for the Adaptive Reuse Program. As noted at the retreat, this amendment was fast tracked so there wasn't time for NAC as a body to provide input regarding the proposed language. There are two public comment opportunity hearings, one being during public comment at the Sept. 11 Council meeting. Ryan Levesque will come to NAC in October with the amendments (i.e. notification area, animals) final proposed language for NAC's review and input.

**Agenda Item 8 – Discussion and Prioritization of Neighborhood Advisory Commission Goals for the coming year**

Commissioners liked the packet memo as presented. Other than noting agenda requests for next month, they didn't specify which order items would be addressed, at this meeting.

**Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Agenda Items for September 3, 2014 Meeting or Future Meeting**

- Future meeting - explore potential joint meeting with Historic Preservation Commission?
- Planning and Development Code Update regarding status of implementation of changes
- Planned Area Development (PAD) update
- Oct. or Nov. meeting – school district representation
- Future meeting – Scope of Historic Preservation Commission and potentially explore joint meeting with Historic Preservation Commission?

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Reviewed by: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager