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**Minutes  
Finance and Effective Infrastructure  
Council Committee  
May 10, 2013**

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Minutes of the Finance and Effective Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Friday, May 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**Committee Members Present:**

Vice Mayor Onnie Shekerjian  
Councilmember Corey Woods

**City Staff Present:**

Andrew Ching, Interim City Manager	Brigitta Kuiper, City Clerk
Brenda Buren, Assistant Police Chief	Amanda Nelson, Public Information Officer
Wendy Springborn, Engineering Services Manager	Lisa Collins, Interim Community Development Director
Shelley Hearn, Community Relations Director	Various City staff members

**Vice Mayor Shekerjian called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.**

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Review Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2013 and April 12, 2013**

The meeting minutes from February 8, 2013 and April 12, 2013 were accepted.

**Agenda Item 3 – Urban Forest**

Lisa Collins, Interim Community Development Director discussed moving forward with the planning activities relating to tree and shade programs similar to those used in the Phoenix, Mesa and Glendale. Staff will work to identify ways to incorporate best practices and current codes into City ordinances. Staff will provide an overview of long-range goals and pinpoint areas for improvement in achieving shade solutions from trees, or engineered shade. Committee members and staff discussed the benefits of involving ASU students through the EPICS (Engineering Programs in Community Service) programs.

Lisa Collins will contact and coordinate with ASU to determine whether or not EPICS is willing to participate in making Tempe a more walkable environment.

**Agenda Item 4 – Affordable Housing Overview**

Craig Hittie provided an overview of existing programs, projects in the pipeline, and recently completed projects. Affordable housing projects support the sustainability and development of affordable housing via internally operated programs, and externally through direct funding to agencies and/or developers of affordable housing. Existing projects or programs include: large scale acquisitions of vacant and built-out lots in the Danelle Plaza; homes under construction, or newly completed by habitat for Humanity Central

Arizona; contract funded homes to moderate income families; community assisted mortgages; and Housing Improvement Program (HIP) grant funds for facilitating emergency repairs.

Various city staff also discussed homes and vacant lot that are in the pipeline. Apache Villas and Arizona Sun developers are pursuing funding from Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Apache Villas is proposing development of 76 units; Arizona Sun is seeking to rehabilitate 58 rental units for low income families. The tax credits are awarded by the State.

Recently completed projects include Apache ASL Trails and Encore on Farmer, both financed by several funds. Committee members and various staff members discussed receiving an inventory all affordable housing projects in Tempe. City staff will provide a map of multi-housing projects showing where projects are located, and the types of Tempe's' affordable housing both private and public.

Various staff members and Committee members discussed affordable housing trust fund alternatives and veteran's housing funding options, such as HIPP (Home Improvement Planning Program). The City will provide greater coordination to residents in helping them find solutions and offer ideas to affordable housing solutions and home improvements.

**Future Meeting Date:** June 14, 2013

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Current affordable housing inventory
- Grease recycling program

**Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.**

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