

Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission February 21, 2024



Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) Meeting held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, hybrid meeting with in-person attendance option along with virtual component option via Microsoft Teams platform

(MEMBERS) Present: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

(MEMBERS) Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

City Staff: Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager; Keith Burke, Deputy City Manager; Parrish Spisz, Council Assistant

Guests: Councilmember Doreen Garlid, David Lucier, Hugo Tapia, Michael Urwin

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Stern

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Hugo Tapia introduced himself and spoke to his City Council candidacy. David Lucier introduced himself and spoke to his City Council candidacy. Doreen Garlid introduced herself and spoke to her City Council candidacy.

Agenda Item 3 – Review and approval of meeting minutes: Jan. 10, 2024 NAC Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the Jan. 10, 2024 minutes with two amendments: 1. change of year to 2024 and 2. adding Agenda Item 3 Introduction of New Commission Members.

Second: Commissioner Washkowiak seconded the motion

Result: Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Agenda Item 4 – Group Discussion and Decision Making for Neighborhood Award Nominations

Eighteen nominations were received. Commissioners provided their scores for the nominees and made the following motions to award winners in different categories.

Outstanding Community Group Category

Motion: Commissioner Kozel made a motion to award Broadmor Bike Bus Outstanding Community Group.

Second: Commissioner Carter seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Motion: Commissioner Kozel made a motion to award Tempe Preparatory Academy National Honor Society Honorable Mention Outstanding Community Group.

Second: Commissioner Washkowiak seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Outstanding Community Event Category

Motion: Commissioner Kozel made a motion to award Cranksgiving Outstanding Community Event.

Second: Commissioner Washkowiak seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Outstanding Neighborhood Business Category

Motion: Commissioner Novis made a motion to not award an Outstanding Neighborhood Business winner.

Second: Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Commissioner Member Abstention: Jana Lynn Granillo

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Outstanding Neighborhood Space Category

Motion: Commissioner Carraway made a motion to award the Oasis Lake Outstanding Neighborhood Space.

Second: Commissioner Kozel seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Outstanding Neighborhood Contributor Category

Motion: Commissioner Puffer made a motion to award Elie Merheb Outstanding Neighborhood Contributor.

Second: Commissioner Washkowiak seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Motion: Commissioner Puffer made a motion to award Sid Frede and Honorable Mention in the Outstanding Neighborhood Contributor category.

Second: Commissioner Washkowiak seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present, 11 -0

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Lane Carraway, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Neighbor of the Year Category

Motion: Commissioner Carter made a motion to add the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year category back in for consideration.

Second: Commissioner Granillo seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Commissioner Member Abstention: Lane Carraway

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Motion: Commissioner Carter made a motion to award Lane Carraway the Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year.

Second: Commissioner Puffer seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Commissioner Member Abstention: Lane Carraway

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Motion: Commissioner Abrahams made a motion to award the Neighbor of the Year to Jeff Caslake.

Second: Commissioner Wong seconded the motion

Result: The motion was approved by a of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention

Commission Member Ayes: Brandon Abrahams, Martha Carter, Jan Doughty, Jana Lynn Granillo, John Kozel, Stacy Novis, Nancy Puffer, Joel Stern, Duane Washkowiak, Brittney Wong

Commissioner Member Abstention: Lane Carraway

Absent: Annette Fields, Gabe Hagen, Kriste Melcher, Suri Wall

Commissioners asked to review who is eligible as well as the nomination form, including number of words allowed, at a meeting after the celebration.

Agenda Item 5 – 2024 Neighborhood Celebration Updates and Planning

Commissioners were provided a flyer for the event and encouraged to help promote the Neighborhood Celebration. An ad was included in the Tempe Opportunities brochure and Tempe Today.

Agenda Item 6 – Neighborhood Park Activation Pilot

Shauna Warner and Keith Burke gave an overview of a pilot program for neighborhood and homeowners' associations to activate neighborhood parks. Similar to Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) and block parties, associations registered with the Neighborhood Office would be able to host small neighborhood events with live music or other activities with assistance from Neighborhood Services and Parks and Recreation.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Character Area 6 Overview
- 2024 Neighborhood Celebration Event Updates
- Alley Cleanups with Keep Tempe Beautiful/Joe Forte
- Arts and Culture Event Update, Haylee Dawna-Ray Mills, Arts and Culture Commission
- Vision Zero Update
- Charlotte Thomas' letter response Jan. 10
- NAC Working Groups Updates (if applicable)

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Shauna Warner