



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission November 15, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, November 15, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Conference Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice Chair
Jeanette Costa
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Jill Oliver
Mark Perkovich
Jill Etienne
Bjorg LeSueur
Anastasia Stinchfield
Patricia Riggs
Josie Montenegro

(MEMBERS) Absent:

No members were absent.

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

There were no individuals present for public appearance.

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

All Commissioners were present for the meeting.
Commission Member Costa arrived after attendance was taken.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of October 18, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the on October 18, 2022, Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Perkovich; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair O'Grady, Vice Chair Dode, Commission Members Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Etienne, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair O’Grady informed that she had not yet drafted a memo from the Commission to update Tempe City Council on the Domestic Violence Awareness campaign. Chair O’Grady stated she will work on the memo over the next month.

Agenda Item 6 – Family Justice Commission 2022 Annual Report Review and Adoption

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 2022 Annual Report.

The Report was edited by the Commission.

The 2022 Annual Report was approved with the agreed upon edits.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the October 18, 2022, Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Montenegro; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair O’Grady, Vice Chair Dode, Commission Members Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Etienne, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 7 – Victim Awareness Campaign Marketing and Communication Plan Discussion and Action – Commission Member Costa

Commission Member Costa utilized the City of Tempe Bulk Garbage Collection Map to assign areas for the Commission Members to distribute Domestic Violence Awareness posters in the regions of Tempe that are most convenient for them.

Commission Member LeSueur volunteered to create a shared document to track the distribution locations.

Ms. Galvan volunteered to maintain a supply of Domestic Violence Awareness posters at the Tempe Community Health and Human Services lobby for Commission Members and volunteers who need to pick up more posters to distribute.

Agenda Item 8 – Human Sex Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Memorandum Draft Review and Update – Commission Member Tinsley

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft memorandum produced by Commission Member Tinsley.

The draft was edited by the Commission.

Commission Member Montenegro suggested that experts from the City of Tempe provide input on the “Best Practices” and “Current Practices” sections of the memorandum.

The Commission resolved to finalize the memorandum at the December meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Tempe Police Department Crime and Victimization Data Review and Discussion – Commission Member Montenegro

Commission Member Montenegro presented the 2022 Quarter 3 statistics on the Commission’s crimes of interest.

Commission Member Montenegro advised that the Quarter 3 statistics show that incidents for the crimes of interest are down overall from the same quarter last year.

Commission Member Montenegro noted that a greater number of arrests, as well as victims, are under age 36 and identified this age group as the most prone to be involved in violent crime as either perpetrators or victims.

Chair O’Grady asked about Human Trafficking. Commission Member Montenegro informed that the city statistics are low for this crime due to convictions occurring in collaboration with other agencies. Commission Member Montenegro also informed that human trafficking is underreported due to victims needing services from agencies like CARE7 in order to realize and identify themselves as human trafficking victims.

Agenda Item 10 – CARE7 Victim Services Data Review and Discussion – Commission Member Stinchfield

Commission Member Stinchfield stated that the CARE 7 quarterly data would be available at the next commission meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion

The Commission decided to add a goal to the Strategic Plan to invite City of Tempe Chief Diversity Officer Velicia Humes to a Family Justice Commission meeting to determine how the Commission can support her role.

The Strategic Plan was approved by the Commission as part of the 2022 Annual Report.

Agenda Item 12 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield

Commission Member Stinchfield informed the Commission that the Victim Services staff have fully moved into the new advocacy center.

Commission Member Stinchfield said that she and her staff were excited to select furniture and add the details to the new space.

Commission Member Tinsley asked if the Family Justice Commission can tour the space. Commission Member Stinchfield replied that the Victim Services staff needs more time to develop the new space, but they will be able to host a tour for the Family Justice Commission Members at a later date.

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Member Updates

Chair O’Grady noted that 4 Commission Members have terms expiring at the end of December.

Mr. Bentley advised that all 4 Commission Members with upcoming terms expiring expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Family Justice Commission.

Commission Member Costa mentioned that she checked a Domestic Violence awareness poster she distributed at a local business and noticed a few of the contact information tabs on the poster had been torn off – an indication that potential domestic violence victims in the community are finding the poster and taking the tabs to contact CARE7 for assistance.

Ms. Galvan advised that contact information tabs were taken from a poster in the Tempe Public Library as well.

Agenda Item 13 –Future Agenda Items

Mr. Bentley advised that the Commission Member elections are to be held at the December Family Justice Commission meeting.

Mr. Bentley suggested that the Commission Members prepare questions to ask Chief Diversity Officer Velicia Humes’ when she makes a guest appearance at a future meeting.

Mr. Bentley proposed that Commission Member Costa give an update on the distribution of the Victim Awareness campaign.

Mr. Bentley proposed that Commission Member Stinchfield give an update on the CARE7 Victim Services Data.

The Commission discussed finalizing the Human Sex Trafficking Awareness and Prevention memorandum.

Commission Member Tinsley requested to present a prepared PowerPoint presentation on Elder Abuse.

Chair O’Grady proposed composing a memorandum to the Tempe City Council and Mayor to inform them of the rollout of the Domestic Violence Victim Awareness Campaign.

Commission Member Oliver informed the Commission of a doctoral student with expertise in “Bibliotherapy,” and suggested the Commission include her as a guest speaker at the January 2023 Family Justice Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Vice Chair Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair O’Grady, Vice Chair Dode, Commission Members Perkovich, Costa, Tinsley, Stinchfield, Oliver, Etienne, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent

Chair O’Grady declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

The next meeting will be on December 20, 2022.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O’Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission