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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. It's about 4:00. And I would like to call to order the March 21st, 2017, special meeting. We'll start with a roll call, please. Are we ready?

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:12]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: We are ready, Mayor.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Suzanne Klapp.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Virginia Korte.

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Councilmember Korte: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips. Absent. David Smith.

Councilman Smith: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Jim Thompson.

City Manager Jim Thompson: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

City Clerk Jeff Nichols: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

ITEM 1 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

[Time: 00:00:45]

Mayor Lane: Thank you. We have one item for the special meeting. We have boards, commissions and task forces. For that I will turn it over to our Vice Mayor, Suzanne Klapp.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service of this community. It's very much appreciated.

Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission. As I

call your name, please come to the podium. We ask that you briefly cover the following material: Please share your name, address, and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? How do your experiences, qualify you to serve on the commission? What do you think is the top issue facing your commission? Limit your comments to three minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, the council will have the opportunity to ask questions if they so desire.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Vice Mayor Klapp: So we will begin with the Development Review Board. The purpose of the Development Review Board is to maintain the quality of development in Scottsdale through review of architectural design and layout of proposed development plans for commercial development and preliminary plans for residential subdivisions. The city code specifies that the DRB membership consists of a City Council member, a Planning Commission member and five public members, three of whom shall be architects, environmental scientists, landscape architects or persons otherwise qualified by design background, training, or experience; and two of whom shall be land developers, builders, or contractors.

Kelsey Young was on this board and she was appointed to the Planning Commission on February 21st. There is one vacancy and four nominees. Lisa Collins has asked that her name be removed for consideration. So we'll begin with interviewing Shakir Gushgari.

Development Review Board Applicant Shakir Gushgari: Mayor Lane, Councilmembers, good afternoon to you all. My name is Shakir Gushgari. I live at 9784 Scottsdale 85255. I lived at this address, for quite some time, since 1993.

In 1997, I established my consulting firm here in the city of Scottsdale. I'm a civil engineering with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. I studied land development engineering for 32 years. That gave me firsthand knowledge in ordinance, policy being manuals, as well as the SMPM, NAAS, and I'm fortunate to be part of the committee review of the city of Scottsdale city management revision that took place a couple of three years ago.

32 years of experience in engineering -- as it relates to land development taught me a lot of things about engineering, as to what really works and what works better from the development perspective. One thing also it taught me very simple, and that is, there are no two projects really identical in nature. Irrespective of locale. I found that each project has its own idiosyncrasies and its own merit to be dealt with, irrespective of size. So I thought perhaps guidelines should do exactly that, guide development. And perhaps some leeway of some ordinance and some policies to fit the projects, not for the sake of changing but to fit the merit of the project itself. I would argue it would yield to a better product at the end of the day that would fit better with the city's vision and the city's desire to get a project that's real quality, that we all seek. I truly believe that.

So given my background in education and experience, and given the opportunity, I really believe I will be a positive contribution to the city through the Development Review Board. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you, sir. Are there any questions? Thank you. Next Troy Hill.

[Time: 00:05:20]

Development Review Board Applicant Troy Hill: Hello, Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Troy Hill and I live at 9129 East Pine Valley Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260 and my wife and I and our three kids lived there for 11 years.

I am here today because I would like to serve my community that I have lived in for 11 years, that my wife and I love and we want to spend the rest of our lives here. As we have learned and gone around the city of Scottsdale, we have noticed certain things, and certain architectural styles within the city of Scottsdale. We noticed that there's been a trend of Mediterranean and Tuscan, Mediterranean and muss can and new products in the city that are trending towards mid-century modern. No matter what vernacular is used, it's my hope that whomever is nominated will continue to elevate the quality of not only the architecture but the entire development and the entire development process. It's imperative that we integrate -- it is imperative that the integration of the architecture, the site planning and landscape architecture are meaningful.

Scottsdale is still a relatively young city. We are 65 years old, about to be 66. What that means is every project approved by the Development Review Board changes the character of the city. We don't have like other cities 100 to 200-year-old buildings anchoring the city. We need to be looking at projects as a whole and thinking how these projects will stand the test of time. We want tourists and visitors to continue coming to our community and spending their time and money with us. Having meaningful and thoughtful projects, in my opinion is one of the greatest ways to accomplish this goal.

If I'm appointed to be a member of the Development Review Board, I will use my knowledge and resources to continue to make Scottsdale a world-class community for people to live, work, and play. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Are this any questions?

Development Review Board Applicant Troy Hill: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I should also add that Councilman Phillips has now joined the podium. So we can recognize he will be able to vote with the rest of us. Finally, we will hear from Bret Krosschell.

[Time: 00:07:45]

Development Review Board Applicant Bret Krosschell: Good evening, I'm Bret Krosschell. I live on East Poinsettia Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85260. I have been this for five years.

Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Klapp and councilmembers, I want to thank you for giving me the time and

the opportunity this evening to speak to you about why I feel I am -- I should be appointed to the Development Review Board. I spent the last 15 years of my career in capital market, real estate development and from this experience, I have seen firsthand how important a development can be to the city and the community it's located in. Keeping developments in line with the city's culture, brands and growth pattern is a focus that should never be ignored. With my skill set, I would bring a unique approach to reviewing any projects that come before the Development Review Board.

As I look at a project, from its long-term financing standpoint and viability, to continue to sustain the community that it's placed in, the right development can bring jobs, tax revenue, increased property values, and help to move a city and community forward. But development that cannot sustain itself financially over a long-term run can become a burden to the city and the community it's located in. I also realize that being a part of the Development Review Board is being an extension of each one of you and we should continue to speak with you and act as such as we are representative of you all and we should make your jobs easier, not harder with the developments that we bring before you.

With this, I would like to thank you all for your time again this evening and ask for your support in voting me to become a member of the Development Review Board. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Okay.

[Time: 00:09:46]

Vice Mayor Klapp: We have three nominees and each councilmember can vote for one candidate. So we'll begin with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Shakir Gushgari.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Gushgari.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Mr. Gushgari.

Mayor Lane: Bret Krosschell.

Councilmember Korte: Troy Hill.

Councilman Smith: Mr. Gushgari.

Councilman Phillips: And Mr. Gushgari.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. So we have appointed Shakir Gushgari. Congratulations.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

[Time: 00:10:39]

Vice Mayor Klapp: We will move to the Human Relations Commission now. This is commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity including recommending ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people and helping produce special events that further its purpose.

James Campbell's term expires April 5th and he's not eligible for reappointment. Ragan Grossman's term expires March 18, 2017. She is eligible for reappointment, however, has not submitted an application for consideration. There are two vacancies and four nominees. We will begin with the first nominee who is Maureen Aldes.

Human Relations Commission Applicant Maureen Aldes: Mayor Lane, City Councilmembers, thank you for, again, giving me the opportunity to speak before the council. My name is Maureen Aldes, and I spoke before you just a few weeks ago. I live at 7575 East Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, 85250. I have been a homeowner, taxpayer and registered voter for six years, but I have been coming to Scottsdale once a year since the late 1970s.

I wish to serve on this commission because I see a need for Americans to recognize that we must not be afraid of our differences. We must embrace diversity in all of its dimensions, however being change can be difficult and must often be undertaken one person at a time. What better place to start than in our wonderful city of Scottsdale.

Most of my adult life has been spent promoting diversity. I will give you three examples. Number one, I had the opportunity to serve on the American speech language and hearing association's national committee on the status of racial minorities. We drafted a major position paper on social dialects, which was adopted nationwide. Number two, I served as a board member for the Alabama division of the national conference for community and justice. This is a human relations organization that promotes inclusion and acceptance of all people, regardless of race, religion, culture, gender, ability and sexual orientation by providing education and advocacy. One of our major programs was Camp Anytown which brings together a diverse group of high school students for a week long residential experience in leadership, social justice, respect, understanding and inclusivity. Number three, for nine years, I had the pleasure to serve as the coordinator of an international baccalaureate program referred to as I.B., at a large urban high school in Alabama. This international program for very able learners is designed to not only provide rigorous academics, but to also develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and inclusion.

I believe the top issue facing the human relations commission is that of inclusion. We the people are a significant part of what makes our city great. We are all stakeholders, and must feel a part of this city. If elected to this commission, I would learn what specific aspects of inclusion are currently being addressed, such as bullying, facilitating cultural exchanges, et cetera, and either aid in those efforts or branch out in an area as the need arises.

I feel my experience at the local, state and national levels qualify me to take on any of these efforts.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Anne Fowler.

[Time: 00:14:48]

Human Relations Commission Applicant Anne Fowler: Good afternoon. My name is Anne Fowler. I live at 12154 North 100th Place Scottsdale, Arizona, 85260.

I would love to join the board or commission to help inspire communication within the area of Scottsdale. My experiences, overall, pertain to I have been a member of the communication commission with my current employer. I'm currently working at Edward Jones for the ISSOC which is the systems operation center. I'm the process improvement manager for their division. I am also an active member of the BRGs which is the business review groups and I'm also a part of the united way.

Basically, I would love to talk about some of the things that I believe are important within the community, as far as education, outreach, and resources that will involve opportunities, support and guidance. Because in efforts to influence, it's important to understand the power to cause changes without directly forcing them to happen. And I firmly believe that through education and diversity and inclusion, which I am a part of in many aspects of my career, as well as within my own community, outreach from a religious and cultural perspective and resources that can empower others and provide access from a social equity standpoint.

My approach is to primarily listen and observe the current status and what is happening. To think in terms of opportunities, support, and the level of guidance that's necessary to make and help influence -- to help influence decisions that will help inspire a high level of communication that will branch out to the rest of the community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Stuart Rhoden?

[Time: 00:17:37]

Human Relations Commission Applicant Stuart Rhoden: Hello, everyone. Mr. Mayor and City Council. It's a pleasure to be before you again to serve as a nominee for the Human Relations Commission and I just want to explain and answer the four questions that presented before me. So my name is Stuart Rhoden. I'm a professor at Arizona State University. I live on East Calle Redondo with my wife and my son. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for about four years.

I want to serve on the Human Relations Commission because I'm committed to understanding deeper diversity and social justice issues. I have over 20 years of experience towards working every community where I have lived and I have been an advocate for children and families a high school, A.P. teacher in south L.A. and a college professor. All of my professional aims is improving community relations and build bridges between different groups.

As a community learning service program person in Chicago, I took students who were, let's say of means, at the private school at the University of Chicago labs school and took them into the community to provide service and partnership with different organizations. As -- instead of spending my summers vacationing, I spent a couple of summers doing habitat for humanity, volunteering with them. We were known as youth builds where we took students from around the country, and did a blitz build and two-week trips. So many throughout the south and also other places where they were really hot to build in the summertime. And also as an educator, I have been currently teaching students at Arizona State about academic success, mind-set and motivating them to become better students and better individuals.

In addition, the essential pieces of what makes Scottsdale great are present. The need or the continuing need now is to bring those pieces together through diversity and understanding, conversations and numerous abilities to have multiple of things to do. So not just different events but bringing people together and having conversations. In addition, I think it's important that we provide all the stakeholders so government, business, schools, as well as neighborhoods and opportunity to have tease -- these conversations and work in partnership to create a better Scottsdale. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions.

Councilman Smith: Mr. Rhoden, I apologize, you are an A.S.U. instructor. In what?

Human Relations Commission Applicant Stuart Rhoden: In academic success program, in the university college.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Anything else? Thank you, sir. And finally, I know she was running late. So I'm not sure she's here. Janice Shimokubo. Hopefully I pronounced that right.

[Time: 00:20:57]

Human Relations Commission Applicant Janice Shimokubo: Good afternoon, I'm Janice Shimokubo, and I live at 6114 East Sonoran Trail, Scottsdale, 85266, which is the farther most, northern most boundary of Scottsdale right near Carefree highway. We purchased our home in 2012, and I moved here permanently in December of 2015. Allergies aside, I feel so very blessed to live in such a wonderful city. I brought my water and apologize in advance for any throat clearing or coughing.

But I want to serve on the Human Relations Commission to help the city of Scottsdale maintain its strong focus on diversity, inclusion, and harmony. As a third generation Japanese-American, I have been embraced as well as marginalized. And I believe that those very profound experiences will allow me to contribute to the commission with compassion and passion.

When I stood before you last September, I explained my qualifications primarily from my head.

I told you how I use data and analytics to solve problems and make decisions and those are still parts of my background, of course. I also have served on boards of directors of YWCA of the U.S.A., the advancing of Asian-Americans for justice, center for Asian Pacific American women, as well as American marketing association. I also served as a commissioner open the Colorado civil rights commission. And all of these experiences together brought me a really strong firm foundation and understanding of the issues and challenges facing women and minorities as well as how boards and commissions work. Yet given the current political climate, the commissioner needs to come to the commission with both head and heart. I can promise you the ability to listen with compassion and speak authentically and see inherent goodness in others, even if we disagree on certain situations, and I think that is a critical point for any good human relations interaction.

The top issue facing the commission, I believe is the macro environment. All of the national noise and all of the agita just says to me, and proves to me that the city of Scottsdale can be the calm in the eye of the storm. I believe through a continued strong focus on diversity inclusion, by city leadership, by city staff, and the human relations commission, we can move this agenda forward. I believe that Thomas Friedman, "New York Times" reporter and author of the book "thank you for being late" captured it best when he wrote, and I quote "the basic architecture of a resilient and prosperous 21st century society must be a network of healthy communities, model communities will be focused on supporting the employability, the productivity, inclusion and quality of life for its members. I say that sounds like Scottsdale today, and it will continue to be the Scottsdale tomorrow. So I would be honored to serve on this commission, and I thank you very much for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you very much.

[Time: 00:24:31]

Vice Mayor Klapp: We have four nominees. There are two vacancies. Thank God because everybody is great. How do you pick two? So you have two votes. We begin with Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: You took the words out of my mouth. We are so blessed to have so many qualified citizens willing to contribute their time. If you don't get selected, I certainly leave your name in. We know sometimes it takes a couple of times to get on these commissions but all four of you, I think, would make fabulous commissioners. Having said, that I vote for Maureen Aldes and Stuart Rhoden.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I vote for Maureen Aldes and Stuart Rhoden.

Mayor Lane: I vote for Stuart Rhoden and Janice Shimokubo.

Councilmember Korte: Maureen Aldes and Janice Shimokubo.

Councilman Smith: Stuart Rhoden and Janice Shimokubo.

Councilman Phillips: Anne Fowler and Janice Shimokubo.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Stuart Rhoden and Janice Shimokubo.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. We have Stuart Rhoden and Janice Shimokubo. Congratulations. You have been appointed to the Human Relations Commission.

LIBRARY BOARD

[Time: 00:25:50]

Vice Mayor Klapp: We move to the Library Board. The Board advises the City Council on general policy relating to the programs, services and future development of the Scottsdale Public Libraries.

Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain resigned on February 10th. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee, hopefully she's here, if she will come to the podium, is Shiela Reyman.

Library Board Applicant Shiela Reyman: Good afternoon, Mayor and City Councilmembers, I reside on east Lewis avenue, in Scottsdale, 85257. I lived in Arizona most of my life. I did live in Mesa for 17 years but I lived at this current address for six years.

I would like to serve on the Library Board, bottom line is, I'm an avid reader. Books are important and reading is important from childhood, to your last days. It keeps our mind sharp and it connects the youth when they are young to become productive citizens when they are older. I'm currently volunteering in different capacities. One is at the Arizona State University softball team. I'm the third term president for the diamond devil booster club. That takes a lot of my time but I believe in serving the community and I'm more involved in the political field than I used to be.

And when my daughter was little. I will tell you a little anecdote. When my daughter was little, it was important to teach children to have a love of reading. My daughter and I had library cards for Mesa, Chandler, Mesa and Scottsdale, why? Because of the story times and other experiences and other library books and how things were laid out. How could you find something in a different area of a different library. It was important she that she learn that from an early age. She's a graduate from Arizona State University with an engineering degree. She think she came out of a cracker jack box that way but learning how the math and sciences work is really important. So the reading has lent to her success.

I feel like one of the big challenges facing the library today is the brick and mortar. How is it going to stay relevant/we have all the ebooks and we have all the computers and the Internet exposure. How do you keep a brick and mortar relevant? What can we offer to a community? I think that's one of the biggest challenges. I think one of the biggest things that we have to do is think outside the box. I hate that phrase but yet that's how it works here. How do you reach the young children? How do you reach the seniors.

I also work as a community, excuse me -- in my community of multiple sclerosis, where I talk to people with disabilities. The Library has a lot to offer. How do we expose them to what is available to them. That's one of the challenges I see before us as well.

I would be honored to serve on this board and I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Okay. That's the own person that is on the list today for the Library Board. We have one vote per person. I will begin with Shiela Reyman.

Mayor Lane: Vote for Shiela Reyman.

Councilmember Korte: Shiela Reyman.

Councilman Smith: Shiela Reyman.

Councilman Phillips: Shiela Reyman.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Shiela Reyman.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Reyman.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Congratulations you have been appointed to the Library Board.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

[Time: 00:29:41]

Vice Mayor Klapp: And finally, the Transportation Commission is an advisory board to the City Council on matters related to transportation.

Barry Graham's term expires April 5, 2017. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. I learned earlier that Barry has an issue in being able to attend the meeting tonight. He apologizes but he very much wants to be reappointed. So we do have two people on the list. We will begin with Scott Angell.

Transportation Commission Applicant Scott Angell: Honorable Mayor Lane and councilmembers, I hope you are having a fantastic day. I know I am. My name is Scott Angell I live at 3500 North Hayden Road, Unit 708 Scottsdale, 85251. I have been a resident of Scottsdale since I purchased my condo seven months ago.

I'm here again because I'm interested in helping you and the rest of the Transportation Commission address both current and future transit needs for the ever growing city of Scottsdale. I have lived in the Phoenix metropolitan area my entire life, and I'm a product of the Scottsdale public school system

and as an under 30 have a voice and view point that often over evaluated and underrepresented in both business and government. As a young commercial real estate professional, I both work in educational experience that would make a positive addition to the Transportation Commission. As a broker, I have transacted several deals within these city limits and understand the importance of proper transportation network can play in a business' decision to relocate both its satellite and corporate headquarters to a city.

Additionally, I studied urban planning and real estate development at the University of Arizona, where my classes included advanced courses and research projects, featuring transportation networks and concepts and multimodal cities similar to Scottsdale. I'm an active member of the young leaders group of the urban land institute.

With technology and infill development playing an ever growing role in the future of cities I believe one of the issues facing Scottsdale will be how it can plan for future transportation needs and trends. As companies like General Motors and Uber refine their self-driving car systems and as parking lots make way for apartment complexes. The way people commute in cities may change forever. We will need to carefully review case studies and determine how this can and affect roads, vehicle ownership and public transportation of tomorrow. As Scottsdale grows in both population and density an efficient and adaptable transportation network will become even more important.

As a member of the Transportation Commission, I would take the utmost care in evening Scottsdale one of America's most livable cities. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you, sir.

[Time: 00:33:02]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. We have two candidates, and you have one vote per person. So we'll begin with the Mayor.

Mayor Lane: I vote for Barry Graham.

Councilmember Korte: Barry Graham.

Councilman Smith: Barry Graham.

Councilman Phillips: I wish there was two openings here. So I will vote for Scott Angell.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I have the same wish. I wish we could vote for both. I will vote for Scott Angell and hope if he doesn't win tonight, he will come back and try again. Thank you.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Graham.

Vice Mayor Klapp: And Barry Graham. Okay we have reappointed Barry Graham to the

Transportation Commission.

And thank you to everyone who have participated in the interview process. I appreciate that you are committed to serving the city of Scottsdale and as we have expressed already to all of you, I hope you understand that we are very impressed with the quality of the candidates that we receive for the boards and commissions and would very much urge anyone who was not appointed tonight to please come back again and apply. We have had to face this many times when we get lots and lots of great candidates and we can't pick anybody, unfortunately. So the applications that are submitted to us are on file for the next year and you will be considered for additional vacancies in the future. We are lucky to have the dedication from our citizens and the talented people available to us and ready to serve our city and for that, I thank all of you.

I will then turn the meeting back over to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:34:49]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor and nice job with all of that. I would also like to add the fact that it really is a pleasant task, even though it sometimes makes it a little more difficult at times to have such a great group of people apply for the positions and we appreciate all of your participation in that, but with that and as the only order of business for our special meeting, I would call for a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Councilmembers: Second.

Mayor Lane: All of those in favor of adjournment, please indicate by aye. We are adjourned. We will be back for our regular meeting. But like the train out of the station, we have to wait until 5:00.