



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 28, 2024
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chair Neal Shearer, Vice-Chair Mary Jung, Commission Members Roger Lurie, Patrick Dodds, Tricia Serlin, and Stuart Turgel

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Jameson

STAFF: Kira Peters, Human Services Director; Judy Doyle, Community Services Assistant Executive Director; Mary Witkofski, Community Assistance Manager; Chad Beougher, Housing Supervisor; Rachel Smetana, Human Services Manager

Call to Order

Chair Shearer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024

VICE-CHAIR JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2024, HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS DODDS, LURIE, SERLIN, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

1a. Blue Zones Project Scottsdale

Sarah Kearney, Executive Director for Scottsdale Blue Zones, provided an overview of Blue Zones and the work being done in Scottsdale. The Blue Zones Project aims to empower people worldwide to live longer, healthier lives by focusing on lifestyle. She discussed the “Power 9” principles common in these areas, emphasizing purpose, diet, and community. The Blue Zones Project in Scottsdale aims to engage individuals, workplaces, schools, restaurants, and grocery stores to adopt healthier practices and targets policy changes to promote healthier choices in food, tobacco, alcohol, and the built environment. Ms. Kearney talked about opportunities to get involved, including taking the Blue Zones Pledge, volunteer opportunities, joining a Blue Zones social group (Moai), participating in purpose workshops, and signing up for newsletters.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Kearney said that Scottsdale is the first community in Arizona to embrace the Blue Zones Project. They recognize the importance of including tourism in the process, and the team is engaging in prioritizing well-being at tourist destinations. Scottsdale is the 78th community to embark on the Blue Zone certification and is one of approximately 15 communities in active transformation. Prior to the Netflix series, Blue Zones received approximately 8 to 10 inquiries per week, and they are now receiving thousands per week.

2. FY 2024/2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Non-Public Services Funding

Commissioner Serlin recused herself from discussions regarding the Ability 360 CDBG Non-Public Services application. Commissioners had no comments. The Commission made formal recommendations for CDBG Housing as follows:

- CDBG – Non-Public Services (Housing)
 - Ability 360 – Scottsdale Home Accessibility Program (SHAP) \$ 57,879.00

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG HOUSING FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER SERLIN WAS RECUSED, COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. FY 2024/2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Funding

Commissioners had no comments. The Commission made formal recommendations for CDBG Public Services as follows:

- CDBG – Public Services
 - Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Emergency Shelter Program \$ 42,653.00
 - A New Leaf – East Valley Men’s Center \$ 43,500.00
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) – Shelter and Services for

Scottsdale Residents Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 43,500.00
○ Homeward Bound – Shelter and Family Services	\$ 31,020.00
○ Florence Crittenton – Girls Ranch Scottsdale	\$ 25,800.00
○ Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence – Transitional Housing & Supportive Services for Domestic Violence Victims	\$ 22,682.00
○ Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. – Housing Navigation Services	\$ 0

COMMISSIONER DODDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. **FY 2024/2025 General Fund Funding**

Commissioners had no comments. The Commission made formal recommendations for General Funds as follows:

➤ General Funds

○ Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) - JFCS Older Adult In-Home Program	\$ 22,500.00
○ Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) – CASS Housing Navigator	\$ 22,500.00
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Brown Bag Food Program	\$ 11,000.00
○ Duet: Partners in Health & Aging – Promoting Aging in Place in Scottsdale through Transportation and Vital In-Home Services	\$ 22,000.00
○ Catholic Charities Shelter Services – My Sisters' Place: Domestic Violence Shelter Services	\$ 22,000.00

VICE-CHAIR JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUNDS FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER SERLIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. **FY 2024/2025 Scottsdale Cares Funding**

Commissioners had no comments. The Commission made formal recommendations for Scottsdale Cares as follows:

➤ Scottsdale Cares

○ Family Promise – Greater Phoenix – Bridges Program	\$ 21,174.00
○ Community Bridges, Inc. – 2023 – Mobile Community Outreach and Crisis Stabilization Services	\$ 18,942.00

○ Homeless Youth Connection – Empowering Youth for the Future (EYFTF)	\$ 8,500.00
○ A New Leaf – A New Leaf’s Hayden Apartments Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. – Flexible Financial Assistance (FFA) Program	\$ 19,121.00 \$ 19,125.00
○ Scottsdale Community Partners – Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance	\$ 19,125.00
○ National Council of Jewish Women Arizona Section – Ruth Place – Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$ 8,000.00
○ Community Legal Services – Legal Advocacy and Education for Low Income Scottsdale Residents	\$ 15,300.00
○ Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center – SARRC Community School-Paiute Campus	\$ 15,300.00
○ Phoenix Rescue Mission – Homeless Outreach & Navigation – Homeless Navigation & Diversion Tool Kit	\$ 5,413.00
○ Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Family YMCA – YMCA Outreach Program for Aging Seniors (Y OPAS)	\$ 0
○ Cancer Support Community Arizona – Support Services for Vulnerable Scottsdale Residents Impacted by Cancer	\$ 0
○ Raising Special Kids – Mentoring and Support Program	\$ 0
○ Assistance League of Phoenix – Operation School Bell	\$ 0
○ Best Buddies International, Inc. – Best Buddies Inclusion Project	\$ 0
○ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) – Scottsdale Mentoring Program	\$ 0
○ One Step Beyond, Inc. – Spellers to Communication	\$ 0
○ R.O.S.E. Resources/Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly – Safeguarding the Financial & Emotional Security of Seniors	\$ 0
○ Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation – Normalcy and Childhood Activities (NCA) for Scottsdale Youth in Foster Care	\$ 0
○ Aid to Adoption of Special Kids – AASK Mentoring Program	\$ 0
○ Dress for Success Phoenix – Mobile Career Center	\$ 0
○ BLOOM365 – Scottsdale Peer Support Specialists	\$ 0

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE SCOTTSDALE CARES FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. VICE-CHAIR JUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. FY 2024/2025 Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) Funding

Commissioners had no comments. The Commission made formal recommendations for SRP-MIC as follows:

- SRPMIC
 - Tempe Community Action Agency – Home Delivered Meals – South Scottsdale \$ 75,000.00

- Tempe Community Action Agency – Congregate Meals \$ 22,500.00

VICE-CHAIR JUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE SRP-MIC FORMAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER LURIE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

7. FY 2024/2025 Endowment Funding

Discussion ensued and the Commission made formal recommendations for Endowment Funds as follows:

- Endowment Funds
 - Arizona Burn Foundation – Milo and Moxie: Smart Safety Rangers \$ 6,100.00
 - McDowell Sonoran Conservancy – Expedition Days Suite Stem Lessons \$ 2,500.00

COMMISSIONER LURIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENDOWMENT FUND FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS SERLIN, LURIE, DODDS, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

8. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Possible future agenda items include:

- Work-study session to provide feedback on the funding process
- Scottsdale Cares

9. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER SERLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER DODDS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR SHEARER, VICE-CHAIR JUNG, AND COMMISSIONERS DODDS, LURIE, SERLIN, AND TURGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONER JAMESON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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