



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021**

**MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY**

**PRESENT:** Rachel Putman, Chair  
William James, Vice Chair  
Jonathan Budwig, Commissioner  
Louise Lamb, Commissioner  
Carol Miraldi, Commissioner  
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Michael Wills, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison  
Brandon McMahon, Associate Planner  
Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison

**GUESTS:** Tim Riester, Phoenix Rising Soccer Club

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:04 p.m. A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as stated above.

**Public Comment**

No comments were submitted.

**1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021**

Chair Putman called for comments/corrections.

COMMISSIONER MIRALDI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2021, MEETING AS PRESENTED. VICE CHAIR JAMES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR PUTMAN,

VICE CHAIR JAMES, COMMISSIONERS BUDWIG, LAMB, MIRALDI, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **2. Community Outreach: Phoenix Rising Youth Soccer Complex**

Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, stated that no public comments were received on this item.

Tim Riester, Board Member of Phoenix Rising Soccer Club, was present to discuss this agenda item, introducing himself as an advocate of children in the community who have an interest in playing outdoor sports. He discussed the benefits of physical activity derived from playing soccer. There is currently a lack of field space in the City to serve the demand. The Club has worked with the City in its most recent bond election to build more soccer fields. Unfortunately, the soccer fields will also be used for parking purposes, such as for the Open. It is important that fields be available to youth all year long. The City has worked to come up with solutions. The School District has also been instrumental in identifying possible unused land that could be used as full-time fields for youth. Specifically, they proposed developing land at 68th Street and Oak. The process for determining the feasibility of development of the property was reviewed. An overview of the Phoenix Rising soccer team organization and its history was provided. The organization assists 600 youth with the resources needed to participate in soccer annually on a nonprofit basis.

Aerial photographs of the project site and attributes were reviewed. The proposal includes two soccer fields, increased parking and field lighting. Other neighborhood activities unrelated to soccer would also be offered, including a safe place to walk a dog, a children's playground and an exercise path. A series of community meetings have been held, with resident comments and suggestions incorporated into the planning process. During the last meeting, a vote of attendees was held, with 60 percent in favor of the project and 37 percent not in favor. A final decision on moving forward with the project has not been reached. Currently, they await an appraisal. The organization intends to pay a fair market rent for the property and also intends to invest several million dollars into the property.

Commissioner Lamb noted that some parents have expressed concerns regarding drop-off and pick-up traffic and asked for more details. Mr. Riester stated that the location already has a drop-off lane built for the school. The plan includes approximately 104 parking spaces.

Vice Chair James inquired as to who would be responsible for maintenance and operation. Dennis Roehler stated that once the property is developed, Phoenix Rising will take responsibility. As the owner, the school district will retain oversight.

Chair Putman asked for more information on the bike lanes. Mr. Riester stated that the organization is not involved in the City's decisions in terms of streets and bike lanes, however it would be a great advantage to keep the existing bike lanes.

In response to a question from Chair Putman, Dennis Roehler stated that of the 37 percent who were not in favor, the respondents did not make any real suggestions for alternate uses.

In response to a question from Vice Chair James, Dennis Roehler stated that Scottsdale does not have other unutilized areas that have been turned into playing fields.

Commissioner asked about a lease term and whether two fields would be sufficient. Mr. Riester said the location is wonderful, as it is currently empty space in the City. This is the main reason they are willing to sign a 20-year lease.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock asked about mitigation for sound issues, including time limits on operations. Mr. Riester said the facilities would be used every weekday, particularly Monday through Thursday between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. with Saturday games.

### **3. 2021 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Program**

Brandon McMahon, Associate Planner, provided a brief history of the awards and an outline for the 2021 program. The 2019 program was scheduled to be heard in 2020, but due to the pandemic, the program was put on hold and was heard along the same timeline as the 2020 program. Both award nominees were deliberated on at the January, 2021 NAC meeting and awarded prior to the March 2nd, 2021 City Council meeting. For 2021, the award program and process will mimic that of years past, recognizing one business organization or individual. Staff will work with the Office of Communication to promote the program. The submission form will also be found on the City's Spirit of Scottsdale Award webpage, which will go live as of tomorrow, as approved by the Commission this evening. Submissions will close December 31st. Nominations will be brought to the Commission in January of 2022. Winners will be notified and awarded to a spring, 2022 City Council meeting.

VICE CHAIR JAMES MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MIRALDI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR PUTMAN, VICE CHAIR JAMES, COMMISSIONERS BUDWIG, LAMB, MIRALDI, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

### **4. Neighborhood Advisory Commission Bylaw Update**

Mr. Yaron stated that no public comments were received on this item. The bylaws are reviewed annually. The updates made are intended to provide consistency with the bylaws of other City boards and commissions regarding quorum provisions, tie votes and conflict of interest.

In response to a question from Vice Chair James, Mr. Yaron stated that the enabling ordinance of the Commission Section 2-322 of City code states that the Neighborhood Advisory Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. If desired by the Commissioner, this detail can be added to the Commission's bylaws.

VICE CHAIR JAMES MOVED TO APPROVE THE UPDATE WITH THE ADDITION OF NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS. COMMISSIONER LAMB SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR PUTMAN, VICE CHAIR JAMES, COMMISSIONERS BUDWIG, LAMB, MIRALDI, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## **5. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Yaron stated that there is a standing requested item regarding how outreach of programs (Operation Fix-It and Tool Lending Session) is progressing for residents and citizens.

## **6. Staff Updates**

Mr. Yaron stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2021.

Regarding the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program and awarded projects for fiscal year 2020 and 2021, the approved projects for the Thomas Road streetscape and Indian Bend Road funding will be implemented before the end of the month.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Lamb and seconded by Commissioner Miraldi, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

AYES: Chair Putman, Vice Chair James, Commissioners Budwig, Lamb, Miraldi and Schwartz-Manock.

NAYS: None

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