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### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:05]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. And welcome to our June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special Meeting and it is approximately 3:30.

### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:08]

Mayor Lane: And I will start with Call to Order on this meeting and start with a Roll Call, please.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Suzanne Klapp.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Virginia Korte.

Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: David Smith.

Councilman Smith: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much. And the one and only reason for our Special Meeting is for boards and commission interviews and appointments and for that purpose I will be turning the meeting over to our Vice Mayor, Klapp.

### ITEM 1 – BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TASK FORCES INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

[Time: 00:00:54]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you, Mayor. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale

residents interested in serving on citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank everyone 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. We ask you to please share your name, address and how long you 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? And limit your comments, please, to three minutes or less. We have a lot of people to interview today. We have a timer to help you manage your time. I will ask Councilmembers if they have any questions.

### **Airport Advisory Commission**

[Time: 00:01:44]

Vice Mayor Klapp: We will begin with the Airport Advisory Commission. This commission advises the Council on policy matters relating to the operation of the airport, proposals for development, airport area land use, fees and safety concerns. John Celigoy's term expires June 24. He is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. Renee Wittrock has withdrawn her application for consideration for this round of interviews. There is one vacancy and one nominee. We have no interviews for this particular commission, and we will begin with Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: John Celigoy.

Councilman Smith: John Celigoy.

Councilmember Korte: John Celigoy.

Mayor Lane: John Celigoy.

Vice Mayor Klapp: John Celigoy.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Celigoy.

Councilwoman Littlefield: John Celigoy.

Vice Mayor Klapp: So John Celigoy has been appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission.

#### **Historic Preservation Commission**

[Time: 00:02:51]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next is the Historic Preservation Commission. It oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. Paula Scott resigned on May 20. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Regina Buzzello. So if Ms. Buzzello will come to

the podium and address the questions that I mentioned earlier, which are on the screen.

[Time: 00:03:20]

Regina Buzzello: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Regina Buzzello. I reside oat 7832 East Highland Avenue in Scottsdale, this same ZIP code. And I have lived in Scottsdale in this same ZIP code for 18 years. I live in, the answer to number two, I live in Villa Monterey which is a large historic district here in Scottsdale and I just want to serve back to the community, help people understand the whys and wherefores of the rules and regs that, you know, govern the historic preservation. And I think I can be a valuable asset, being that I'm, excuse me, a member of the Scottsdale Association of Realtors as well. I think there needs to be an enhanced understanding of the historic district and so forth within the real estate community. And number three, kind of just answered, but I am a local Realtor. I'm very involved in this area of Scottsdale. And probably the top issue facing the board is a lack of understanding of what is and isn't permissible in terms of architectural changes and I understand there's a national historic designation opportunity coming up and I think people need to be aware of that so that they can respond and vote accordingly.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Are there any questions from anyone on the Council? Thank you very much. So we have one vacancy and one nominee. Each Councilmember can vote once. We will begin with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Regina Buzzello.

Councilmember Korte: Regina Buzzello.

Mayor Lane: Regina Buzzello.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Regina Buzzello.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Buzzello.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ms. Buzzello.

Councilman Phillips: Ms. Buzzello.

Vice Mayor Klapp: It's unanimous. We have elected Regina Buzzello. Congratulations.

#### **Human Services Commission**

[Time: 00:05:30]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next is the Human Services Commission. This commission provides advisory recommendations to the staff and City Council on Human Services priorities and programs. Josina Tishler's term expired June 14. She is eligible for reappointment; however, she has not submitted an

application for consideration. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Ashley Blaine, James Campbell who is unable to attend today, but has submitted written responses, and Linda Cohen. We will begin with Ashley Blaine, if she will come to the podium.

[Time: 00:06:11]

Ashley Blaine: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Ashley Blaine. I currently live at 9077 East Butherus Drive in Scottsdale, 85260. I lived in Scottsdale from 2006 to 2013, and briefly moved to Colorado for two years and moved back last June. June 2016 through the present. The reason I want to serve on this commission is like I said my husband and I moved here last year and it's because we wanted to raise our family here. I grew up here. I attended Scottsdale public schools and I have a lot of roots in this community and I think it's really important and from a professional perspective, I spent my entire career working with or advocating for vulnerable populations and I think this is a really great opportunity to do that on a macro level. My experience that qualifies me to serve on this board, I have a master's in social work and a doctorate in behavioral health. Like I just said, I have been spending my entire career working with or advocating for vulnerable populations. In Arizona I worked with Sympatico of Arizona, to increase the access to healthcare. In Colorado, I spent two years working at an organization called the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. That was a giant integrated care organization and obviously we provided healthcare and mental healthcare services to the homeless population.

And I have also done a lot of volunteer work with organizations around town, including Homeward Bound, The Family School, St. Mary's Food Bank and different things like that. I think the top issues facing this board, or excuse me, this commission, are making sure that vulnerable populations in Scottsdale have access to the services that they need. So making sure our elderly population has access to health care and making sure our children have access to food, those sorts of things. And the way that I would approach this is recommending that we work with different organizations that are in Scottsdale and in the greater Phoenix metro area that have expertise in these areas and trying to build a coalition to work with them to try to address these issues. Thank you so much.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there any questions? There seem to not be any. So thank you.

Ashley Blaine: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next is Linda Cohen.

[Time: 00:08:30]

Linda Cohen: Good afternoon Mayor Lane and Vice Mayor Klapp and Councilmembers. My name is Linda Cohen. I'm a resident of Scottsdale for 30 years. My address is 19700 North 76<sup>th</sup> street in Scottsdale. That's 85255. That's Grayhawk Community. I have two backgrounds that relate to this kind of position. I had a 20-year career in sales and marketing in New York and I also have a 16-year career in counseling for a mental health center that is now closed, unfortunately. We did day programs for indigent, as well as the general community. I have social service background from that

particular position as well. I have a master's in counseling psych and I also have an LPC, a licensed professional counselor in the state of Arizona.

So I think what I bring to the table is a combination of business, fiscal responsibility, as well as knowing the clients. I did serve with an S.M.I. population, primarily. So I'm very familiar with people who are very vulnerable, of all ages, primarily, it was an adult population, but I also have a specialty in marriage and family counseling. So it's very broad based. My background is, and I feel like I could contribute a lot to the Human Services Commission. As to the last particular question, I did have a conversation with Greg Bestgen. I was really not knowing what kind of issues were presented to the Council and one of the things he discussed with me was the Scottsdale Care focus. Apparently that is the share, the dollar share that is posted on your utility bills and personally, I'm a 30-year resident of Scottsdale and I never knew that that particular dollar went for social services. I actually thought it went to pay people who could not afford to pay their bills for the from company and so forth. And I found out differently.

So I think this needs to be publicized in a quite different manner. And since I have the marketing background I think that would be a good contribution. Some ideas I came up with would be advertising, for example, on the sides of buses that worked very well back east in New York City, a long time ago when I was working in marketing and sales there. I think it would also be very beneficial to probably rename the program to something a little more catchy an a little more focused on helping one another. That remains to be seen what that would be but that's another idea. I think H.O.A.s are very, very valuable source of contributions here. We have some very affluent communities in the Scottsdale area, some of the most affluent probably in the nation and I think presentations to the H.O.A.s and their individual boards would be very advantageous to promote this kind of thing. So with that being said, I think I could make significant contributions based on my background. Thank you so much.

[Time: 11:59]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Okay. So we have one vacancy and three nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once. We will begin with Councilmember Korte. Councilmember Korte: Ashley Blaine.

Mayor Lane: James Campbell.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I vote for James Campbell.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Dr. Campbell.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Dr. Campbell.

Councilman Phillips: And Dr. Campbell.

Councilman Smith: Well, I wish I could vote three times.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Me too.

Councilman Smith: I will vote for Linda Cohen.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. So we have appointed James Campbell to the Human Services

Commission. Congratulations.

### **Judicial Appointments Advisory Board**

[Time: 00:12:40]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next we are going to vote on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. This board makes advisory recommendations to the City Council regarding the appointment and reappointment of full-time city judges. The seven-member board will consist of two active judges, one representative from both the State Bar and the Scottsdale Bar Associations, and three citizens appointed by the City Council, who are not judges in any official capacity, nor retired judges, nor members of the State Bar of Arizona. Per city Ordinance, the Council must appoint/reappoint members who are recommended from the Scottsdale Bar Association or the Arizona Superior Court. Donald Alvarez's term expires June 17, and he is not eligible for reappointment. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Max Covil, Wendy Harnagel Roberts, unable to attend but has submitted responses, and Craig Rosenstein. So we will start first with Max Covil.

[Time: 00:13:54]

Max Covil: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Max Covil. I live at 6926 East Continental Drive in Scottsdale, Arizona, 85257. I want to serve on this commission because I think that an effective court system can have an important impact on community, on this community on the citizens of Scottsdale. I think that it's a crucial role and it's a crucial role to appoint effective and good judges for this community. My experiences are that I have had five years of criminal experience, four years of civil experience and also administrative experience. I have also served as a Pro Tem judge. So I know what this type of role entails.

I think it would be important for, I would make an important contribution to this committee in that regard. The top issue, I think, facing many courts is promoting access to all, for all the individuals that come before it, and I think that appointing individuals who can serve in that capacity or can serve well in that capacity, whether it be for diversity or technology, or other ways of promoting access to the citizens of Scottsdale, to the courts would be crucial. And so I think that I would be able to serve in this role to allow better access to the courts.

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

[Time: 00:15:41]

Craig Rosenstein: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and the Council. My name is Craig Rosenstein. My address is 8518 East Thoroughbred Trail. It's McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258. I have lived in Scottsdale since 2003. As many of you know, I think I met with all of you individually, I have an absolute profound love for the justice system and I want to see justice done always and everywhere, especially in the Scottsdale City Court. The JAAB commission is, if you look at the people who are currently sitting on it, they are some of the best attorneys in Arizona. I'm privileged to even be nominated by the state bar, who I want to thank for the nomination and to be invited to speak with you here today. The reason I want to join this committee is diversity and diversity of thought primarily. If you look at the individuals who are there, they are amazing attorneys but none of them are criminal defense attorneys. I have practiced in front of judges, city, municipal judges, and J.P.s throughout the state of Arizona for the last 12 years. 
It has been what I do. And it's been a priority of mine to go out and practice there. Currently, that thought process isn't necessarily represented. And so my thought was in joining or attempting to join in particular board, I could lend diversity of thought and perhaps interview new judges. There are, I think as we all know some, this is not just a committee that deals with retention. This will be a committee that interviews potential new judges for the Scottsdale City Court. And we can have a wide range of applicants for the City Council to choose from. And it's my goal to appoint and work with the committee in order to do that.

[Time: 00:17:42]

Secondarily, I think from a personality standpoint, I work well with others. I'm a team player. I know that this Council has dealt with committees that have on occasion had people who do not work well with others and it creates an immeasurable headache for something that can be done for you guys. I can tell you, if appointed to this commission, I will not be one of those headaches. I'm open for questions if you have any questions for me.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there any questions? Thank you, sir. We have three nominees for one vacancy. Each Councilmember can vote once. We will begin with Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane: Max Covil.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I vote for Max Covil.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Covil.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mr. Covil.

Councilman Phillips: Mr. Rosenstein.

Councilman Smith: Wendy Roberts.

Councilmember Korte: Craig Rosenstein.

Vice Mayor Klapp: So we have appointed Max Covil to the JAAB board, congratulations.

#### **Loss Trust Fund Board**

[Time: 00:18:49]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next, we will discuss the Loss Trust Fund Board. Required by State Statue, the Loss Trust Fund Board makes recommendations to the Council regarding the administration of the loss trust fund. The trustees shall meet at least once a year and submit a report to the Council regarding the status of the trust fund. The report shall also include recommendations the trustees deem necessary. As specified in the City Code, the City Council shall appoint five joint trustees, of whom no more than one shall be a member of the Council and no more than one trustee may be a city employee. Paul McKee resigned February 8, of this year. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Brandon Perlow.

[Time: 00:19:41]

Brandon Perlow: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, I'm Brandon Perlow, I live at 9526 North 118<sup>th</sup> Street, 85259. I have been in Scottsdale for under one year now. I'm a relatively new resident. As far as why I want to serve on the Loss Trust Fund Board I'm a big proponent in public service. Personally, I studied public policy and administration, and did my Master's at the London School of Economics. It's something I'm a strong believer in for a long period of time. So my experiences from an education standpoint qualify me for serving this board. Also as a volunteer I've served as the finance committee on several nonprofits going back more than 10 years. So I have experience both in public service, but also in the economic and the finance sector as well. And then having read the minutes, you know, what I have been able to take as the top issue facing the Loss Trust Fund Board is determining, you know, to what extent we should be funding preventative wellness measures vs. reacting to issues that come before the board itself. And so for me personally, you know, I'm a strong believer in working with other municipalities, and looking at the latest research and determining what has been effective in other places, in order to maximize the efficiency of the board itself. With that, I'm open for any questions.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there questions? Okay. Thank you.

Brandon Perlow: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: There's one vacancy and one nominee. Each Councilmember can vote once. I will begin the voting with a vote for Brandon Perlow.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Perlow.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Brandon Perlow.

Councilman Phillips: Mr. Perlow.

Councilman Smith: Mr. Perlow.

Councilmember Korte: Mr. Perlow.

Mayor Lane: Brandon Perlow.

Vice Mayor Klapp: It's unanimous. It's Brandon Perlow. Thank you very much and

congratulations.

### **Neighborhood Advisory Commission**

[Time: 00:21:48]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next, we look at the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. This Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods. Todd Becker's term expired January 27, and he has withdrawn his application for reappointment. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are William James and Amanda Nash. We will begin with Mr. James.

[Time: 00:22:25]

William James: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Bill James. I live at 12151 East Cortez Drive Scottsdale, 85259 and I lived there for 22 years. Why do I want to be on this commission? Because I have lived in Scottsdale for 22 years and I have seen what has happened during that time. There's been a great deal of growth. This remains as cities go a relatively young city, and we are determining now how the city looks in 50 years. I think that's a really important thing to be looking at. And that's why I wanted to be involved in it.

Now, it's also true that I want to be into doing some city volunteer work. My whole career has been abutting state and local agencies which I interact with and see, but have never been part of. And so since retiring two years ago, I'm now able to do that. My background is in psychiatry. I have been in public psychiatry, 20 years of that has been in Arizona as medical director and two regional behavioral health authorities, also working in the county health system and in the 11 years prior to retiring, being in charge of their residency training program. I have a great deal of administrative and of people working experience, and I think the thing that's interesting to me about this commission, is that it really is, in part from going to one meeting, about promoting communities working with each other, with themselves to make themselves better. That really is something that I have a professional interest in as a psychiatrist.

In terms of what the greatest challenges in front of the committee are, I gather, given its mission of restoring and improving a community that the work with the McDowell Corridor and the Gateway Alliance are important parts of what the commission will be doing. But as I read the minutes and

read other news items, it seems that an issue facing the communities at this point is the whole business of the sober living houses, which is something that I understand is being handled legally through the Council and through the zoning regulations, but having looked at this issue in the past professionally been involved in it. It's my impression that this is the, that the regulations do just so much, and then it's a matter of person to person. So I'm proposing that the commission could facilitate discussions between individual house operators and individual neighbors related to that house, so that people know who to talk to when problems come up. Questions?

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Are there any questions? Thank you. Amanda Nash?

[Time: 00:26:12]

Amanda Nash: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. Thank you for considering me to fill the vacancy on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. I live at 2825 North 81<sup>st</sup> way. I have moved to Scottsdale in 2006 and I have lived here ever since. I lived in south Scottsdale for a few years and decided I liked the neighborhood so well, I would buy a house. It was in the height of the foreclosure crisis. I got to see some rather dilapidated houses at that time. And I liked seeing the transformation. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission was created to look at the revitalization of Scottsdale neighborhoods. Why do I want to be on the commission? Because I want to support the revitalization of south Scottsdale. The other reason is because boards and commissions, in my opinion, are key components to well-managed local governments. It's how local voices get heard in the policy making process. My experience, I'm a licensed Realtor. So, and I focus my business in south Scottsdale. So the importance of revitalization, and the quality of life are always important to me and my clients. I have over ten years of experience building and nurturing relationships with city officials across Maricopa County.

So going back to that sober living thing that Mr., that the previous candidate was referring to, this is not just an issue in Scottsdale, but it's an issue around the state. So having those established relationships provide additional expertise. I have a master's in public administration and over eight years of experience researching and analyzing public policy recommendations. So when something comes before me, I know how to look at it. I also have five years of grant management experience, which can become helpful when going through an evaluation process like the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards requires. So what is the top issue that I think is facing the commission? I think the McDowell corridor revitalization is going to remain a top issue. My approach to it is that, I know that Scottsdale is a land locked community. Therefore, that corridor is particularly attractive to infill development.

And for that reason, I got involved with the Scottsdale Gateway Alliance last year, and it's been really, it's been, I really enjoyed watching the excitement for the residents and businesses in the corridor as well. Simply put, I would be honored to be part of Neighborhood Advisory Commission. Thank you for your time and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there any questions? Thank you. We have one vacancy on this commission and two nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once. We'll begin with

Councilwoman Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Dr. James.

Councilwoman Littlefield: William James.

Councilman Phillips: Amanda Nash.

Councilman Smith: Bill James.

Councilmember Korte: Bill James.

Mayor Lane: Amanda Nash.

Vice Mayor Klapp: And William James. So Mr. James has been appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. Congratulations. We will go on to the next.

### **Planning Commission**

[Time: 00:29:43]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next is the Planning Commission. This commission makes recommendations to the Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning regulations, and amendments to all zoning ordinances. David Brantner's term expires June 24, and he is not eligible for reappointment. Larry Kush's term expires June 17, and he is eligible for reappointment and has submitted an application for consideration. Michael Minnaugh's term expires June 24, and he is eligible for reappointment; however, he has not submitted an application for consideration. There are three vacancies and five nominees. The nominees are Kevin Bollinger, Andrea Davis, Larry Kush, Copper Phillips, Christian Serena. We will begin with Kevin Bollinger.

[Time: 00:30:37]

Kevin Bollinger: Good afternoon. Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. Kevin Bollinger, 8031 E. Sutton Drive, Scottsdale 85260. I lived and worked in the Phoenix and Scottsdale area my whole life, 14 years in Scottsdale specifically. I'm practicing commercial architecture and it's a passion of my whole being. I'm a graduate of A.S.U., architectural program and one of my passions back then was European history and European languages. So I spent part of my career in Germany working and decommissioning military bases in southern Germany which was a regional planning contract. We did it for two years. I remained in Germany three more years as a practicing architect and I'm a licensed E.U. architect. Came back in '92 and started our practice here and my passion for the planning and the zoning process has always been built into my being. I consider myself an architect in the sense of a quiet listener. That's something I have prided myself in. I'm a quiet, private person. I listen. That's one of the things that I have done in my career that's paid off. It works really well at home, by the way too, just as a piece of advice. The top, I think, commission,

Planning Commission topic is the D.D.C. I consider every topic in front of the Planning Commission an important topic and I spend a lot of time researching that and listening to people, and at some point in time, I make my mind up and do it in a quiet, professional way. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Any questions? Andrea Davis?

[Time: 00:32:38]

Andrea Davis: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers, I'm Andrea Davis. Thank you so much for this opportunity to interview for the Planning Commission. I live at 9174 East Conquistadores Drive. I've been a proud Scottsdale resident since 1994. Since my arrival in the '90s, Scottsdale population has doubled. In 2040, we anticipate another 100,000 residents. With inevitable development, I want to contribute to Scottsdale's strategic planning future. I foresee our community's growth well defined in healthy spurts for generations to come. Y'all have a handout right here. I apologize, I couldn't get it up on the screen. Let's just think about the McDowell Corridor then and now. From Los Arcos Mall, we went from Los Arcos Mall to SkySong.

Oldtown Scottsdale has merged gracefully with a new sophisticated downtown. And the Scottsdale airpark, who would have thought that puddle jump, we went from puddle jumpers to jets. My experience with the Basis School last year showed me how powerful it is when citizens, city planners and development come together to solve a problem and it's the success of that collaboration that has me standing before you today, to make a difference, we need to get involved. I'm a commercial broker and I work for developers, landlords and tenants. With 20 years of commercial real estate experience, I closed over 1.5 million square feet of commercial transactions. Directly and indirectly, I have been involved with planning and zoning most of my career. In 2008, I received my C.C.I.M. designation. That stands for Certified Commercial Investment Member. The United States has over 150,000 commercial real estate professionals, only 6% of them hold the C.C.I.M. designation. I owe my career success in totality to working with great teams, being a part of great teams. I collaborated with experienced developers, knowledgeable city planners, talented architects, engineers, skilled contractors, building owners, local residents and I believe the top issues facing the Planning Commission today is the balancing act between growth, preservation of Scottsdale's heritage and open space, sustainability and economic vitality during times of change.

How do we address this balancing act? First, we need to be involved. Second, we need to seek out solutions. Third, we need to be open to new ideas and fourth, we need to take action. But most importantly, we need to work together as citizens, city planners and developers to keep Scottsdale great. Thank you for this opportunity to make a difference. Do you have any questions?

Vice Mayor Klapp: Any questions? Thank you.

Andrea Davis: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Next is Larry Kush.

[Time: 00:36:01]

Larry Kush: Good afternoon Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and members of the Council, my name is Larry Kush. I live at 4347 North Scottsdale Road. I have been in Scottsdale for over 40 years now. I'm just finishing up a three-year term on the Planning Commission. Easily one of the greatest experiences of my life and I've had quite a few experiences in my life. I'm proud that I have been able to serve the city. I think I bring a lot to the table. I have been someone who believes strongly in balanced growth. I think growth is important, but I also think the rights of the homeowners are also equally important and one of the most difficult challenges, I think, in the Planning Commission is that balance, is making decisions that are going to affect the lives of people. Sometimes more than they realize, and sometimes not as much as they think. I've got a great deal of experience in this. I was a home builder in the valley for 40 years. Last ten years, I have been dealing in land. I built in excess of 1,000 homes in Scottsdale. I was five-time Phoenix home builder of the year. Recently I had the privilege of being able to judge the Gold Nugget Awards which is an international architectural awards with 690 entries in 49 categories, where I was able to judge everything from multifamily to mixed use.

In fact, I'm proud to say that Scottsdale will be home to house of the year and custom home of the year internationally. I'm not probably supposed to say that, but the awards are until tomorrow night, but no one is going to say anything. I think that the biggest challenge in front of the Planning Commission is the fact that a lot of homeowners don't think they have a say. I've made a point of personally meeting with any homeowner who has wanted to meet. I visit every single zoning site before the hearing. I get out of my car and I walk around and if I can meet people, I meet them and talk to them about what's going on. And, in fact, I have been instrumental in a couple of cases in not defeating, but seeing to it that the right thing was done in certain neighborhoods, most notably Granite Reef and McDonald recently where I don't have to pay for coffee in the neighborhood anymore. I enjoy the job. Like I say, I think the biggest challenge is homeowners and meeting with them and making them feel that they do have a voice and it's just not a slam dunk for the developers. So I'm hopeful that I can continue doing this for another three years. If there's any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there questions?

Larry Kush: Yes, ma'am.

Vice Mayor Klapp: No, there are no questions.

Larry Kush: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Copper Phillips.

[Time: 00:39:14]

Copper Phillips: Good evening. I'm Joanne "Copper" Phillips. I reside at 7451 E. Via Dona Road in

Scottsdale. I have been a proud resident of Scottsdale. This is my 36<sup>th</sup> year. I lived all three areas from south Scottsdale to central and now in north. And I believe I have had a lot of life preparation to go on the Planning Commission. As an early starter, my dad had a remodeling business and when you own your own business and it's a small business, you serve many tasks. So I was the designer. I was the one who drew up the blueprints and went down to the city and got the building codes and I was also the chief tile setter. I had a lot of jobs to support my going through grad school. I went to grad school and became a special educator. I ultimately, after becoming the Special Ed director in Deer Valley and Scottsdale moved on to become the state director and my experiences there gave me three valuable lessons of the first of all when I was in Deer Valley, we were growing at 33% a year. Long range planning was my life. I look at things from a different perspective, being a Special Ed background. I'm a problem solver, but when you open a school in September and you are on double session come November, you begin to realize the value of connecting with community. And doing planning just not for the near term but for the long term. As the state Special Ed director, I had to plan five, ten, 15 years out with the feds to where the status of education and needs in our state would be. Again, that's long-term planning.

With the city I was on the Trails Task Force for over 12 years and a Bond Task Force and I have an intimate knowledge of the city's General Plan and I think that truly is the driving force behind the Planning Commission, unless you truly understand what the intent and the pattern of development in this city is, it's difficult to make cogent decisions. One of the issues that I think the Planning Commission is facing right now, we are approaching build out, and quite simply, yeah, we have a little bit of county land to the north and the west and we have some county land north and to the east, but that's pretty much it. So we have to be very wise in planning not just the for the near term, not just for a year down the road but looking at our initial development and redevelopment what is going to be the best possible use financially, tourism, preserving neighborhoods because that's a huge part of the General Plan. And I think when you look at the entirety of the General Plan and apply the full depth and breadth to that General Plan, to the decisions that are made on the Planning Commission, you truly do come out with decisions that embrace what the public feels supportive of and what is best economically, and for the citizens of this city. So I thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Are there any questions? No questions. And Christian Serena.

[Time: 00:42:34]

Christian Serena: Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Klapp, members of Council thank you for allowing me to speak. I want to thank you for the nomination and the opportunity to serve on Scottsdale Planning Commission. Hopefully I will be brief enough to give some of my time back to you guys this afternoon. What I'm going to cover, I will definitely cover this, all the bullet points that were up on the screen, but I will cover that. I want to tell you a little bit about myself, how I wound up in Scottsdale. Some of my past activities, why I live in Scottsdale and then why I hope to be on Scottsdale's Planning Commission. How I wound up here is I'm a native. I was born here, right down the street at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital.

After that I went to Saguaro High School and after college, my wife and I made a decision to move back

to Scottsdale and raise our family. We have three daughters now, ages, 6, 2 and 1 and so I'm going on about three hours of sleep right now as you can imagine. I work in the financial service industry for one of the nation's largest financial services firm and help to manage over \$1 billion in assets on a daily basis. I received my certificate of financial planning through New York University. My activities here in the city have really varied over a wide range, but I was part of Scottsdale's first class, the Scottsdale Fire Department's Citizen Academy. I serve as the, I currently serve on the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art board. I was the founding member of Scottsdale Cultural Council Young Professionals Group. We reached out into the community and try to bring people kind of under 40 to understand some of the culture and art in the city and previously a member of Scottsdale Prevention Institute's board of advisors.

When asked why I live in Scottsdale, I think the answer is pretty simple. We love it here. It's safe, clean, but more importantly, some of the things that we really like is what you see here today, the level of engagement with the citizens throughout the community and their participation in giving back into the city. Why I want to serve on the Planning Commission, I think there's a rich history on this Planning Commission. The ability for our citizens and some of you that are serving now have come through different boards and commissions. A vision and the ability to make big decisions to make sure that our next generation is left better in this city, than when they found it. That's something that I hope if picked to be on the Planning Commission that I could be a part of that history.

Understanding although cliché that we never rest on our laurels but I think it's important that this is the reason why Scottsdale has been so successful is the ability to vision out, 20 or 30 years and make those decisions. Ultimately, I take it back to my daughters. Being raised in Scottsdale and loving and being raised and brought up in this community, I hope my daughters are here 30 years for now. Giselle, Penelope and Amalia, if you are wondering, and they are happy with the commissions we made for this community, 20, 30 years from now. Do you have any questions?

[Time: 00:45:48]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there any questions? No questions.

Christian Serena: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. There are three vacancies and five great candidates for these positions. So we will tell each Councilmember, you can vote for three. We begin with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Andrea Davis, Copper Phillips, Christian Serena.

Councilman Phillips: Kevin Bollinger, Andrea Davis and Copper Phillips.

Councilman Smith: Andrea Davis, Copper Phillips and Christian Serena.

Councilmember Korte: Are we going to get this up on the screen?

Management Assistant Kelli Kuester: No, I will do a hand tally mark. We are having a little bit of difficulty.

Councilmember Korte: Kevin Bollinger, Larry Kush, Christian Serena.

Mayor Lane: Kevin Bollinger, Christian Serena, and Larry Kush.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I vote for Kevin Bollinger, Larry Kush and Christian Serena.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Kevin Bollinger, Larry Kush, Christian Serena.

Kelli Kuester: I have five votes for Kevin Bollinger, three votes for Andrea Davis and four votes for Larry Kush. And three votes for Copper Phillips and six for Christian Serena. So Christian Serena, Kevin Bollinger and Larry Kush appointed.

Vice Mayor Klapp: That's what I tallied also. Thank you so much. Please remember you can reapply.

#### **Tourism Development Commission**

[Time: 00:47:41]

Vice Mayor Klapp: So we will move on to the next commission, which is the Tourism Development Commission. That commission advises the City Council on matters concerning the Tourism Industry in Scottsdale as well as the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on Transient Lodging, Bed Tax, designated for Tourism Development. Ren Hirose resigned May 21, he represented a hotelier position. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Ken McKenzie, David Winter. So we will begin with Mr. McKenzie, if he will come to the podium.

[Time: 00:48:21]

Ken McKenzie: Thank you, Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. Reside at 9297 North 115<sup>th</sup> street Scottsdale, 85259. I lived there for three years and I should say that I have lived in Scottsdale, having been the first graduating class from Saguaro High School in 1968. I can relate to a lot of the comments that people have had about how the growth of Scottsdale has been just amazing over the past 50 years. Of the 52 years that I have been in this area, I have lived 30 of them in Scottsdale and so this is a real special community to myself, my wife, my kids and my grandkids. What do I any, why I do want to serve on the board? Well, first of all, I have been in the tourism business for the past 42 years. And currently, I'm at the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch where I have been for the past three years. I have also been in a leadership position in the valley for over 30 years in the hospitality industry.

But why, the tourism board, it's because Scottsdale has developed a unique position in the U.S., as well

as the world, and as many people have said, what are we going to do to create and improve that vision as we move through future decades? And so that has one of the reasons why I want to be part of the board to shape that future. My education actually, graduated from Arizona State University. I'm a certified hotel administrator and currently I'm in my third year of serving as the chairman of the Arizona Hotel Lodging Association. And then finally, what do I think the top issue facing tourism is. I think really, the, we have a large and very good demand for hospitality and tourism, five to seven months a year. In balancing that demand the other four months, I think is important for us to grow to be what we need to be in the future. So thank you. Any questions?

Vice Mayor Klapp: Appear not to be any questions. Thank you. David Winter.

[Time: 00:51:27]

David Winter: Good afternoon Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council thank you for this opportunity. David Winter. I have been a resident of Scottsdale, 9068 E. La Posada Court, 85255, I have been here for 30 years. I took a year off to open up a resort in Hawaii but I'm back and very proud to be back. Why do I want to serve on the board? My passion for what I do.

I'm currently the Director of Events at the Hyatt Regency in Scottsdale. I think my passion for tourism, I think I can help the commission out. My experiences, just 30 years in the hospitality industry. I was the graduating, I graduated from the Scottsdale Leadership board, commission, whatever. Sorry. Little nervous. And one thing I got out of that group was many amazing things but that the actual geographical center of Scottsdale is Pinnacle Peak and Pima and that's now my Circle K. So that's kind of interesting. What do I bring to the table? I do site inspections several times a week at the resort to bring groups to Arizona. So I'm not just representing the resort, I'm representing the city and it's a city that I know and love and I don't think there's a real big issue with tourism. I think what we need to continue to do is to support Experience Scottsdale and Rachel Sacco and her people for the amazing job that they do, the branding that they have done in the past year around the country with the transportation systems, I think is amazing, and then we also at the resort are a big supporter of the Desert Discovery Center which I think is very crucial to the growth of Scottsdale in continuing to get tourism here. Questions?

Vice Mayor Klapp: Any questions?

David Winter: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. We have one vacancy and two nominees. Each Councilmember can vote once. We begin with Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Ken McKenzie.

Councilman Smith: Ken McKenzie.

Councilmember Korte: Ken McKenzie.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Ken McKenzie.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I vote for Ken McKenzie.

Councilwoman Milhaven: David Winter.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Ken McKenzie.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Mr. McKenzie has been voted to the commission. Congratulations. And we go to the final commission.

### **Transportation Commission**

[Time: 00:53:45]

Vice Mayor Klapp: This is the Transportation Commission. This is an advisory board to the City Council on matters related to transportation. Paul Holley's term expired June 24, 2017, and he is not eligible for reappointment. Steven Rosenberg's term expires June 24, and he is eligible for reappointment. Scott Angell has withdrawn his application for consideration for this round of interviews. Sandra Adler has withdrawn her application for consideration for this round of interviews. There are two vacancies and nine nominees. The nominees are Amelia Bourke, David Dubner, George Ertel, Stephanie Foote, Renee Higgs, Edward Kertman, Michael Kuzel, Grant Ludwig, and Steven Rosenberg, unable to come for an interview tonight, but was on the commission. We will begin with Amelia Bourke. Since we have nine people if anyone can talk less than three minutes, it would be very much appreciated.

[Time: 00:54:54]

Amelia Bourke: Good afternoon. Thank you for having me. My name is Amelia Bourke. I have lived in Scottsdale for just a little bit over a year. I have lived in the East Valley my entire life. My address is 9494 East Redfield Road, Scottsdale Arizona, 85260. I would like to serve on this commission so that I could have a positive impact on the transportation options in Scottsdale. There's a lot of tourism in the city and so transportation is not only affecting the citizens but visitors to the city as well. I would also like to become more involved in my community and work with the public. As for my experience, I graduated from Arizona State with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. And I have always been interested in transportation.

At Arizona State, I took many courses on transportation and studied the best practices and solutions for transportation issues around the world and then in my current job, I'm often partnering with different departments to meet goals and deadlines. The top issue that I believe is facing this board or commission is transportation is such a big part of a lot of people's lives, commuting to work, going to do errands, everybody is going somewhere every day. And so transportation can affect people in a really big way and it's really hard to please everybody, especially when there's public funds and tax

dollars involves. So I would just like to take into account all the opinions and comments that are out there and use my experiences and my best judgment to select a solution that's best for the whole community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. David Dubner.

[Time: 00:57:00]

David Dubner: My name is David Dubner, the Dubner was my cousin, Steven Dubner who wrote "Freakonomics." They're the rich part of the family. I was born in Philadelphia, and moved to Montgomery County, for people who don't know, that's where the Bill Cosby trial was. And I employed by Atlantic from '64 to '66 and started an automobile dealership from '66 to '92. I was first president and founder the Citizens Advisory Council in '84. We raised funds for the DARE program. I have always been involved with cops and kids. I was the first president and founder of Montgomery County Camp Cadet, run by the state police, 1995 to 2005. And then the first treasurer and founder of the commissioners' Honor Camp in Hershey. I did that until 2001. From 2001, to 2007, I was on the prison board at the Montgomery county correctional facility and I was president from 2005 to 2007.

We moved to Scottsdale in 2004. We live at 11011 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, La Contessa. I have been fortunate to be stuck on the house board there for 13 years, but I think I'm going to resign this year. It was enough. I was on the chief's advisory board, representing all the volunteers with the police department from 2010 to 2013. I was a volunteer the last of the V.I.P.s, volunteer and policing with the police department from '08 to '15. I went to the dark side. I'm now with the fire department as a volunteer. The officers understand. I have received governor's award in 1998, S.W.A.T. award in 2006, D.A.R.E. officers award in 2004, and the last award I got I asked the Governor when I got the Governor's Award if I could have the cash instead, but they said no. I was in the automobile business.....

Vice Mayor Klapp: You got a minute.

David Dubner: I had a salvage yard. I know about transportation and wrecks and I have time to donate whatever you need. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you, sir. Any questions for him? Thank you. George Ertel.

[Time: 00:59:33]

George Ertel: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers, my name is George Ertel. I live at 11725 North 129<sup>th</sup> Way, which is out by Mayo Clinic. We have been in Scottsdale for 30 years. Two-thirds of the time out there where we are living now. Why do I want to serve on the, this commission? Well, I have served throughout my life. I have served in corporate America. I served in small business. I served in the military. I have served with a variety of nonprofits and a community development financial institution. I haven't served my community in terms of the civic aspect of the community.

So this is an opportunity that was presented to me. I would like to serve on the Transportation Commission so that I could serve the civic community. I came from Chicago 30 years ago. When I was in Chicago, I worked downtown a lot of the time. So that meant I got up in the morning, parked at the train lot, took the train downtown and got off the train, walked to where I work. In the evening, when I was running late, I would take a cab back to the train station. Sometimes a bus. While I was doing that, one of my coworkers who lived downtown. She sold her car, then when she needed to go back to Sheboygan, she would rent a car and the rest of the time she would take a bus or cab around the city.

I bring this up because there's a lot of different options for transportation, not that we have them all here, but we are going to have more than that. We are going to have drones for delivery. We are going to have self-driving cars, basically on demand buses. That's what we are going to look at in the future. But to look at the future, we need to look at the future today. We need to reconcile what we're doing with transportation today with what we are going to need in the future. So with my background in business, mostly it's been corporate development and financial services. The two relate because the reason I came to Phoenix was my boss had been recruited from Chicago to turn around a major financial institution down here and he brought two of us with him. So we did that successfully. I also worked with small businesses to get them turned around. I look at situations to see what are the dynamics. What are the issues that drive the situation. What are the influences that need to be considered? Because everything is complex. We need to look at the complexity and that's what I'm good at. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Stephanie Foote.

[Time: 01:02:40]

Stephanie Foote: Good afternoon, thank you for the opportunity. My name is Stephanie Foote. I live at 24419 North 72<sup>nd</sup> Way, 85255. I was originally from southwestern Michigan. I lived through my formative years and I moved to Boston to get my veterinary degree. I have moved to the valley since 2005. I have been looking for a way to become more active in my community. A lot of colleagues had a jadedness and disinterestedness that just gets kind of frustrating. I was, so in looking for different ways to just try to give back and similar to the some of the other thoughts just a little bit of that kind of civic duty, if you will. A desire to really help be a part of that community and start to affect some change rather than just complaining about it all the time. Through that, maybe be an advocate for my peers who feel they are not represented well enough on some of these commissions.

So as far as the Transportation Commission, I just received an email saying hey, there's an opportunity coming up. I had a little bit of experience with the transportation department through a local project we were working on that got me out talking to my neighbors and local small businesses. I got excited about the process. They did state that you don't need a ton of experience with transportation. I witnessed the need for improved alternative needs for transportation and improved multiuse paths and that sort of thing. There's a lot of talk about connectedness and that was really exciting to think about all the different ways we can try to merge that our diverse population along a skinny stretch of

land and get creative in terms of some of those options. I think veterinary medicine doesn't qualify me in any way. I work in a facility where we are heavy on collaboration and solution-oriented practices. We have a community garden than we help to oversee. Even that little bit has been fun. I enjoy being on a committee and listening to people's ideas and getting the diverse opinions. I have always been a leader and a doer and identifying problems and coming up with solutions. I'm a user of our city roads and multiuse paths. Scottsdale has a ton of growth. We are limited in terms of how far we can grow. We have these new methods of transportation that will be coming at us sooner rather than later and it would super exciting to be part of that long-term vision. We have a created car centric community.

My husband and I are moving south so we can have better sidewalks and a safer place to ride our scooter because Scottsdale Road is the not the safest place as you head farther north. I think just working to improve both public and personal transportation, the flow of traffic, that kind of thing, but also making this maybe more pedestrian friendly, bike friendly, that type of thing. Doing that I just enjoy getting out and talking to people. I think I would have a ton to learn about what the commission and the department does, but I would be excited and up for that challenge. So thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Renee Higgs.

[Time: 01:06:07]

Renee Higgs: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Councilmembers. My name is Renee Higgs. I live at 16614 North 105<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale 85255. With great cities comes great growth and with great growth comes the need for great transportation planning strategies. As you may be aware, the U.S. Census Bureau recently reported that Maricopa County added an average of 222 people a day, between July 2015 and June 2016, making it the fastest growing county in the country. With Scottsdale being a vibrant community within that county, as a resident, I want to make sure that we have transportation infrastructure that's prepared for continued growth and population. Also, through Scottsdale Leadership, I had the honor of the getting a backstage pass to all things Scottsdale, including history and current state of transportation within and around the city, piquing my interest in contributing to short and long-term transportation strategies. As for experience, in addition to what I have learned from Scottsdale Leadership, I also have some knowledge from professional experience.

As a Regional Marking Manager for Mayo Clinic in the southwest, I'm engaged in conversations around medical tourism and the Cure Corridor. With Mayo patients visiting us in Arizona in 2016 from all 50 states and 64 countries, I need to ensure that patients are able to safely and easily get to and from our campuses, with helpful way finding tools such as street signage and public transportation options. Speaking of public transportation, I believe this is one of the top issues facing the commission. I used to believe that public transportation was just for people that didn't have cars. But after working in downtown Seattle a few years ago, I found myself taking the bus among some of the top leaders from Microsoft, Amazon and Starbucks. It meant they could spend 45 minutes checking their emails, rather than sitting behind their own cars. These are also leaders who wants to make an impact on the environment. There are numerous studies that say the largest living generation, the millennials

prefer living working and playing in a city with public transportation options. This is a generation that we need to be ready to accommodate. The approach I would take around this issue is to better understand the wants and needs pertaining to public transportation, of the overall Scottsdale population, determine the projected impact of additional cars on the road in the next five to ten years and work to identify options in response to those findings, while also maintaining the integrity of the Scottsdale brand. I would like to thank you for your time today, and ask you for your vote as a new member of the Transportation Commission. Do you have any questions?

Vice Mayor Klapp: Apparently not. Thank you. Edward Kertman.

[Time: 01:09:03]

Edward Kertman: Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to interview for the position on the Transportation Commission. My name is Ed Kertman. I live at 12562 East Laurel Lane, Scottsdale and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 23 years. 23 years! Wow! Have things really changed. When we moved into our house in northeast Scottsdale, Frank Lloyd Wright had two lights from Via Linda to Pima and the airpark was really only an airport. The 101 wasn't built, but the bridges to nowhere were there on the Indian reservation and the Scottsdale Scorpions were our baseball team. We've certainly seen a lot of change and that leads me to why I want to participate on the Transportation Commission. The growth in Scottsdale has been pretty extraordinary and our transportation system has gotten better over the years. The city and the commission have done an excellent job in managing traffic and other amenities and I want to help ensure that Scottsdale continues to be a great place to live.

I believe a top issue for the transportation in Scottsdale is how to allocate our increasingly scarce resources. This will be tradeoffs in executing the transportation master plan between roads, trails, the board of being one to provide the best input and guidance to the Council that takes into account all the wide and desperate factors impacting our neighborhoods and businesses. What makes me qualified for the board? I'm a very curious person and I like to ask questions in order to best understand any situation. I'm committed and have a wide ranging experience in rational open-minded thinking as well as developing creative solutions that can create consensus across widely varying groups including diverse community views. I have many years of analysis. I have a strong background in data driven problem solving. I have a Master's degree in industrial engineering and I have spent many years working in process improvement and statistical analysis. This makes me very systems and holistically focused. Anticipating unanticipated consequences and building a database understanding to make well-informed decisions that balance, need, cost and impact. I spent much time working in group problem-solving environments and I'm a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt. For those of you unfamiliar with Six Sigma, it's a disciplined methodology for developing high customer satisfaction and eliminating defects from manufacturing and banks to construction and government. I believe these skills will be very useful in working the transportation issues working with our government team and the community to help to maintain Scottsdale as the premier place to live in the valley. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Are there any questions? Thank you. Michael Kuzel. Or Kuzel.

[Time: 01:12:04]

Michael Kuzel: Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of Council, thank you for the invitation to present. My name is Michael Kuzel. I live at 8149 East Whitton Avenue, 85251, I have owned the house with my wife for 21 years. Do you want Scottsdale to be one of the best driving, walking and bike riding cities in the United States? I do. That's why I want to serve on the Transportation Commission. I want to bring the knowledge I have gained through my professional experience as a transportation safety professional to the city of Scottsdale. Because as an active adult who enjoys walking and riding bicycle in the city of Scottsdale with my family, I want to have a voice in the future of the transportation system of Scottsdale. A little bit about myself. I have three degrees from Arizona State University, including graduate degrees, engineering and applied psychology. I'm a registered professional engineer and a certified human factors professional. I run my own company as a human factors and safety engineer consultant. I've conducted research, evaluating road user behavior based on the design of the environment, including studies looking at the effects of the environment on cycling and pedestrians. I have been retained by the Department of Transportation and municipalities at numerous states in the United States to evaluate specific features of road designs, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit and rail systems, airport facilities and other aspects of the built environment. I have provided consulting services to the city of Scottsdale, evaluating policy guidelines for road lighting, pedestrian facilities, pedestrian crossings and school siting guidelines.

I have been the human factors expert on teams conducting strategic transportation safety plans, transportation framework studies, and I have been hired as the human factors expert to conduct road safety assessments at more than 50 intersections in the M.A.G. region. I have done three road safety assessments for the city of Scottsdale. I have just completed a two-year position on the Paths and Trails Subcommittee, and I have gained valuable insights about the need for the Transportation Commission. I believe the most pressing issue facing the city of Scottsdale and the Transportation Commission is transportation safety. Safety of transportation system affects efficiency, user experience, commerce, and public opinion. Transportation safety is achieved through a constant revisiting of a dynamic interplay of many factors that include engineering design, aesthetics, enforcement, education, and advances in technology. Regrettably there's not an unending pool of funds to keep all safety needs met at the desired levels of many of the citizens. Therefore, tough decisions have to be made. The Transportation Commission is called to make those tough decisions to weigh the best options at all times for the city of Scottsdale. When the right balance of factors is achieved, road users are more likely to act in predictable and desirable ways and the community members and visitors feel comfortable going about in our fair city. I would like to be part of the team that makes those decisions for the city. Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor and members of Council, thank you for your time and I hope you will elect me to the commission.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. Grant Ludwig.

[Time: 01:16:04]

Grant Ludwig: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Grant Ludwig. At live at 13442 North 101st Way, Scottsdale, 85260. I want to be on this board because I would like to get further involved with my community and my city. I recently started a family and it changes your mind about where you want to see your future to go. My education, I have a degree from Arizona State University, a bachelor's in Design studies with a minor in Urban Planning. I have a passion for planning. I would like to continue my education in the future. Currently, I'm a contractor. I have lived in the valley my whole life. I have been able to use all modes of transportation all over the valley from buses to light rails to cars to car pools and today I still use most modes. I like to interact with my community. I like to take the bike trails and the paths I have in my neighborhood but I also have to use my vehicle as a single occupancy. I'd like being involved that all of those multi-modes work and come out efficiently as possible. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Are there any questions? Thank you, sir. As I mentioned, before Mr. Rosenberg is unable to be here for an interview. So we have two vacancies and nine nominees. Even Councilmember can vote twice. We'll begin with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Michael Kuzel and George Ertel.

Councilmember Korte: Michael Kuzel and Renee Higgs.

Mayor Lane: Steve Rosenberg and Renee Higgs.

Vice Mayor Klapp: I will vote for George Ertel and Steve Rosenberg.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Renee Higgs and Michael Kuzel.

Councilwoman Littlefield: George Ertel, David Dubner.

Councilman Phillips: George Ertel and Michael Kuzel.

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. So I see four for Mr. Ertel and four for Mr. Kuzel; is that correct?

>>Kelli Kuester: Correct.

[Time: 01:18:27]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Okay. So those two gentlemen are nominated and appointed to the Transportation Commission. Thanks to everyone. We had a lot of candidates for this commission. So I would urge you to continue to send your name in or keep your application on file for this or other commissions that are available. That concludes our nomination process this evening. City staff will contact those who were nominated and provide them with additional information, and, or those who were appointed and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who applied to serve on any of the boards and commissions, even if you were not nominated. We do appreciate the time that you put into this and urge you to come back. So if there's no further business, I will turn it back

to the Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Nice job with a large crowd. Which I would want to say thanks very much for all of those people who have applied. It's always great to have that ability to select from the great candidates and to have the continuing interaction with the public through our commissions. That is the one and only item for our Special Meeting. So our business is complete for the Special Meeting. We will start our Regular Meeting in about five minutes or so. We'll take a small break in between, but then we will start our Regular Meeting. And with, that I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 01:19:58]

Vice Mayor Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Councilmember Korte: Second.

Mayor Lane: Moved and seconded. All of those in favor of adjournment, aye. We are adjourned.