



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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

**COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO - NAVE  
7506 EAST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

- PRESENT:** William James, Chair  
Jonathan Budwig, Vice Chair  
Larry Hewitt, Commissioner  
Louise Lamb, Commissioner  
Carol Miraldi, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Rachel Putman, Commissioner  
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Ross Heyl, Citizen Advisor  
Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison
- GUESTS:** Mr. Walker  
Keith Dahl  
Billie Young  
Lillian Shade

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as stated above.

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM #3 TO AGENDA ITEM #2. COMMISSIONER LAMB SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG, COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, AND MIRALDI VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**Public Comment**

No comments were submitted.

**1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes June 22, 2022**

Chair James called for comments/corrections. There were no corrections.

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MIRALDI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB AND MIRALDI VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. G.A.I.N. 2022 Program Overview**

Ross Heyl, Citizen Advisor, provided an overview of the G.A.I.N. program. This annual event is designed to unite residents to help create safer neighborhoods. G.A.I.N. encourages neighbors to get together in their respective communities to promote safe neighborhood communication and celebrate the success of crime prevention through community involvement. Participants can request attendance by City departments for their neighborhood events. An overview of the program history and captains dinner was given. Methods for signing up to participate were reviewed. Event photographs were shown. Mr. Heyl invited the commissioners to attend on October 15, 2022, particularly in response to those groups that have requested their attendance.

Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison, stated that staff is looking for a potential motion for commission participation. Staff will work to coordinate efforts, including any notice requirements for the potential attendance of three or more commissioners at a particular event.

COMMISSIONER LAMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN SCOTTSDALE G.A.I.N. BLOCK PARTIES, IF REQUESTED, TO SUPPORT LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT. COMMISSIONER HEWITT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB AND MIRALDI VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**3. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal: Bent Tree Perimeter Wall Repaint**

Mr. Reynolds stated that no public comments have been received. He gave a brief overview of the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant as well as a site description of the Bent Tree project location. Staff has been in contact with the applicant and the neighborhood to complete repairs to the wall prior to funding allocation for the repainting. The walls have frontage to qualifying roadways and the neighborhood does not have a formal HOA. They do not have a mechanism in place to fund the project. The action would assist the neighborhood in working together to complete the repair and ensure uniform color standard. There is no active notice of compliance from code enforcement. In the future, the walls will be maintained by the neighborhood after the one-time assistance. Staff recommends approval of

the painting not to exceed \$14,000. This is subject to the stipulation that within 90 days of approval from the Commission and prior to issuing notice to proceed, that the applicant will provide authorization letters from affected property owners on Shea Boulevard and 104th Street and that they have repaired the existing leaching.

Commissioner Miraldi noted that the location is a highly visible area and as such, the request should be granted.

Chair James asked about the likelihood of receiving agreement from the homeowners. Mr. Walker said there are 136 properties in the neighborhood with only 11 properties identified with the leaching problem. The City informed the neighborhood that the stucco would have to be repaired prior to painting. It is daunting to expect the 11 affected homeowners to come up with approximately \$17,000 to make the repairs. It is difficult to obtain agreement between homeowners without the governing organization of an HOA. He suggested that the City provide notice to residents to contact him with their interest in participating. Mr. Reynolds stated that the City already prepared the letters of potential authorization. The City will not be physically sending out the letters, but would expect that the neighborhood work on distribution.

Neighborhood resident, Keith Dahl cited the challenges with contacting residents, as some are seasonal and some are renters. There are questions as to whether all residents will be willing to contribute to the initial repairs, even though there are only a limited number of homes with walls requiring repairs. Mr. Reynolds commented that approval of the Commission for the funding, conditional to the initial repair completion, could be used in communications with the neighborhood to help facilitate participation.

Chair James discussed a scenario whereby the Commission approves funding, nothing is done within the 90-day timeframe and the funds are retracted. Mr. Reynolds stated that in the event that the funds had to be revoked, the applicant is still free to reapply.

Mr. Walker stated that as a realtor, he has access to a list of all homeowners. It may be best to send out the letter along with a notice of approval of funding for the painting from the Commission. The process forward would hinge on the responses and interest received. Commissioner Lamb suggested that they organize a neighborhood watch program, as this facilitates effective and regular communication between residents on a variety of issues.

Vice Chair Budwig suggested enlisting the 11 affected homeowners to assist in gaining cooperation from the other homeowners. He also suggested using the Nextdoor platform for communication and organization.

Mr. Dahl asked what happens if no action is taken. Mr. Reynolds stated that in consulting with Adam Yaron, who is not present today, Mr. Reynolds has spoken with code enforcement and they are not currently providing notice on a violation such as this.

Mr. Walker posed a scenario where residents of the homes decide to paint the walls in a variety of colors and asked how the City would respond to such a circumstance. Chair James commented that he sympathizes with regard to the situation. He supports approving the funding, however concerns remain regarding whether they will be able to meet the requirements.

COMMISSIONER HEWITT MOVED TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSE, POWERS, AND DUTIES PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 4331. STAFF RECOMMENDS A NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION NUMBER 1, APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR THE NEGP FUNDING FOR PERIMETER WALL PAINTING FOR THE BENT TREE NEIGHBORHOOD 102nd TO 140th ST, SHEA FRONTAGE AND WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS, OTHERWISE SAID APPROVAL SHALL BE REVOKED: (A.) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION AND PRIOR TO THE CITY ISSUING NOTICE TO PROCEED OR PAYMENT FOR THE PAINTING OF THE WALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL: (1.) SUBMIT TO CITY STAFF LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION FROM ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND (2.) REPAIR THE LEACHING WATER FROM RESIDENCE SIDE OF THE MASONRY WALL AND STUCCO THE WALL WITH CONSISTENT FINISH, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTION OF CITY STAFF. VICE CHAIR BUDWIG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG, COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, AND MIRALDI, VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**4. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal: Sherwood Heights and Fairway Park Entry Monuments(s) Repaint and Landscape Enhancement**

Mr. Reynolds stated that there have been a considerable number of public comments, including 39 emails. This funding request is for landscape enhancement, neighborhood signage and repainting. Mr. Reynolds gave an overview of the project area, south of Thomas Road, north of Oak Street, east of 56th Street. Four monuments are located within Fairway Park and ten are in Sherwood Heights. The request includes repaint of existing 1950's monument signage and installation of artistic landscaping. Location and accessibility factors were addressed. In terms of maintenance, there is no active notice of compliance from code enforcement. The monuments will continue to be maintained by the neighborhood after this one-time assistance. Staff recommends approval of Option 1, which is full funding for Sherwood Heights and Fairway Park Neighborhoods community monument sign repainting and landscape enhancement at seven locations in an amount not to exceed \$10,250.

Billie Young introduced herself as president of the Sherwood Heights Neighborhood Association and the submitter of the application for the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program. She introduced other members of the Board. She provided a history of the neighborhood and the monument signs. The neighborhood has raised \$6,700 for the fabrication of 50 metal agaves to replace the dying cactus located at the monument sites. The request of \$10,250 will cover the painting of the monuments, and transportation and permanent installation of the metal agaves in a concrete base. Renderings of the proposed

finished product were provided. Ms. Young also provided a history and overview of the Sherwood Heights Area Neighborhood Plan.

Commissioner Lamb commended the neighborhood residents for being so closely knit.

In response to a question from Chair James, Ms. Young stated that their self-created neighborhood association has a membership and dues-voluntary structure of \$30 per year. Dues are used for the block watch party as well as maintenance.

Lillian Shade introduced herself as a long-term resident of Sherwood Heights and discussed the repair needs for the monuments.

Commissioner Miraldi commended all of the neighborhood members for attending the meeting and providing excellent presentations.

COMMISSIONER MIRALDI MOVED TO APPROVAL OF OPTION 1, THE REQUEST FOR NEGP FUNDING FOR SHERWOOD HEIGHTS AND FAIRWAY PARK NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY MONUMENT SIGN REPAINTING AND LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT AT SEVEN (7) MONUMENT LOCATIONS AND FOURTEEN (14) SIGNS TOTAL ALONG EAST THOMAS ROAD (1 LOCATION), NORTH 56th STREET (4 LOCATIONS), AND EAST OAK STREET (2 LOCATIONS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,250. COMMISSIONER HEWITT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG, COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, AND MIRALDI, VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**5. 885-PA-2022/5-GP-2022: Minor General Plan Amendment HB 2482**

Mr. Reynolds stated that no public comments have been received. HB 2482 was recently signed into law with an effective date of September 4, 2022. It requires all major amendments to a municipality's General Plan to be presented at a public hearing within 12 months of when the proposal is made as opposed to within the same calendar year. Text changes in Scottsdale's General Plan 2035 concerning the major amendment process have been proposed to be consistent with changes made to the statute. Public outreach plans were reviewed.

**6. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

The Commission requested the following item:

Update on the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards.

**7. Staff Updates**

Mr. Reynolds noted that Commissioner Miraldi sat on the CRC for the update of the General Plan process. The Arizona Chapter of the American Planning

Association recognized the plan as the best regional or comprehensive plan for 2022.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

## **8. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Chair James and seconded by Commissioner Miraldi, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

AYES: Chair James, Vice Chair Budwig, Commissioners Lamb, Hewitt and Miraldi

NAYS: None

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