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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:00]

Mayor Ortega: I call the May 14, 2024 City Council Special Meeting to order. City Clerk, Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:07]

Ben Lane: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Solange Whitehead.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Here.

Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tammy Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Here.

Ben Lane: Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Ben Lane: Barry Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Here.

Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Here.

Ben Lane: And Kathy Littlefield. Councilwoman Littlefield, are you there? City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Ben Lane: Acting City Attorney Luis Santaella.

Luis Santaella: Here.

Ben Lane: And the Clerk is present. Thank you, Mayor.

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

[Time: 00:00:50]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to conduct selections for boards, commissions, and task forces. We will have interviews and appointments. I will now turn the meeting over to the Vice Mayor, Solange Whitehead.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mayor. So, the Scottsdale City Council is responsible for establishing City policies and enacting laws in support of those policies. The Council relies on volunteer, citizen-based boards and commissions to research issues and make recommendations in support of the Council's mission and goals. The information and recommendations provided by Council-appointed advisory boards is a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers with their deliberations. This afternoon, the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on various boards and commissions. I want to thank the individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service to this community. Following the set of interviews, we will vote on an appointment for the board or commission.

So, as I call your name, please approach the podium, and briefly cover the following. For the record, please state your name and address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Please tell us how your education, employment, or volunteer experience relates to this board or commission. And what the top issue facing the board or commission is. Please limit your comments to two minutes or less. We have a timer by the screen to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Oh, okay.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

[Time: 00:02:52]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Let's start with the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body that hears variance requests, appeals of the Zoning Administrator's interpretation and decisions, and decides on administrative decisions or zoning requirements, which create unnecessary hardships in the development of property because of exceptional or extraordinary conditions. There are two vacancies and four nominees. The nominees are Carlos Gantchoff, Paul Garry, Randy Griffin, and Jay Leopold. And we'll go ahead and start with Carlos. Why don't you come on up.

Carlos Gantchoff: Hello.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Oh, now it's gone. Hello? It's gone now.

Carlos Gantchoff: Hello, hello.

Councilwoman Littlefield: The sound is gone.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield, why don't you mute yourself. We have someone speaking.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you.

[Time: 00:04:01]

Carlos Gantchoff: Hello. Good afternoon. First of all, I would like to thank Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and the Council for giving me the time and opportunity to come before you. My name is Carlos Gantchoff. I live at 7519 East Papago Drive, and I have been a citizen of Scottsdale for 50 years. How my experience relates to this board is I am a teacher who is trained

in listening, assessing, and evaluating using evidence to guide my decisions. Understanding the impacts my decisions will have on families and community. I also have experience working with the City of Scottsdale. So, I know as an employee, I understand the values of our citizens. I am mission driven. When I am in a situation that requires challenging decisions, I always revert back to the mission. I look at what the purpose is, our policies, our General Plan, to guide my thoughts to make conclusions.

I have grown up in Scottsdale's neighborhoods, and I'm very familiar with the city's history. Growing up in the Yaqui, with the Yaqui Community in south Scottsdale, I understand the value, the impacts, the value and how codes and laws and enforcing them impact community. What I think is the top issue facing the Board. I believe that every issue that comes up to the Board is important. Even if it's for the citizen that needs clarification on something on their property to major corporations that come in and can possibly, because of our decisions, impact the whole community. So, if there are major decisions, they are all important and I will give the same attention to each issue using the same criteria that is the guide of the Board of Adjustments. I appreciate the opportunity and time, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council has given to me to present to you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? I see none. So why don't we have Mr. Garry come up. Thank you. Oh, let's see, Mr. Garry is unable to join us this afternoon, but he's still interested in serving. So, we are going to move on to Mr. Griffin for speakers.

[Time: 00:06:53]

Randy Griffin: Good afternoon. I'm Randy Griffin. My address is 36767 North Boulderview Drive. My wife and I purchased property here in about ten years ago. We have been here full time almost three years. In terms of education, I'm not going to bore you with a long resume. I do have 25 years of experience on the Board of Adjustment and Appeal for the City of Dunedin, Florida, including 13 years as Chairman, so that's how I'm familiar with what goes on with this Board. As you are aware, no matter how well written your codes and your ordinances are, it's impossible to determine what's going to be a challenge in the future. So, this is why the B.A. is, in my mind, critical. The biggest issue facing the Board is, is that you are literally walking a balance beam.

On the one hand, you want to protect individual property rights. You may have a need for a desirable business in a certain location. You've got to balance that against the integrity of the code. You also don't want to have the appearance of favoritism. You don't want to have the setting a precedence. At the same time, you have to look at each case individually and see what can work. So, if you do it right, then you avoid getting the city into a lawsuit in circuit court; when you don't do the right decision if you don't do it the right way. But if you do it the right way, you won't make everyone happy, but you will have a solid ground that you made the decision on and something that you can live by. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. I'm quite familiar with Dunedin. Are there any questions? I see none. Thank you. Is Mr. Leopold here? I see no Mr. Leopold. Okay, well, so again we have four candidates and two openings. So, I am going to go ahead and start the vote with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Carlos Gantchoff, Randy Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Carlos Gantchoff and Randy Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Paul Garry, Randy Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Carlos Gantchoff and Randy Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Carlos Gantchoff and Randy Griffin. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Carlos Gantchoff and Randy Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Garry and Mr. Griffin.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Mr. Gantchoff and Mr. Griffin have been appointed, congratulations.

#### **CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

[Time: 00:9:52]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Next, we have the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee with one opening. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee receives reports on the City's progress in implementing the Bond Program, reviews any proposed project changes to the program and provides comments to the City Council with respect to the Bond Program as the Committee deems appropriate. There is one vacancy and there are four nominees. The nominees are April Holland, Darryl Komesu, Robert Simmons, and Tami Smith. Ms. Holland is first and she will be participating electronically. There she is. Hi, Ms. Holland.

[Time: 00:10:39]

April Holland: Hi. Well, thank you for inviting me for this opening. As you know, my name is April Holland. I live at 19700 North 76<sup>th</sup> Street in Scottsdale. I've been a resident of Scottsdale for 13 years and a resident of Arizona since 1991. I have previous experience working as a corporate bonds trust officer, and so I think that, you know, some of my work experience would be very well suited for this Committee. And I'm not exactly sure what challenges that this Committee faces, but I'm willing to offer my services and expertise in any way that would be useful. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Holland? I see none, so thank you. Mr. Komesu?

[Time: 00:11:51]

Darryl Komesu: I'm Darryl Komesu. I live at 10462 East Helm Drive which is in McDowell Mountain Ranch, and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 15 years now. In terms of education, I got my B.S. in Electrical Engineering, and then went on to get an M.B.A. in Management Information Systems. Throughout my career, I've been a satellite engineer and program manager. Additional experiences I have, I recently served on a Citizens Budget Committee when my wife and I were living in Cannon Beach, Oregon. I recently completed the Scottsdale Water Citizen Academy in April of this year. And I'm completing the Scottsdale Government 101 Class tonight, so you'll see me and the rest of our group later this evening. I believe that the top issue facing this Board is to try and minimize the funds that are taken from the General Fund to complete existing projects. I would work with the Board and the relevant stakeholders to reevaluate any bids that were performed during or after the pandemic timeframe. Some of these bids might have been a little high due to inflation and I think by reviewing these bids, it provides the chance for cost savings. Lastly, I just wanted to mention that I'm the person that's been providing the City Council with updates on water usage by Scottsdale golf courses. Currently the city is asking all the residents to reduce their consumption by 5%, and I'm hoping that with the data that I provide all of you guys, we can get the golf courses to reduce their consumption by 5% also. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Next up is Mr. Simmons.

[Time: 00:14:00]

Robert Simmons: Hi, good afternoon, Robert Simmons. I live at 9115 East La Posada Court, that's Pima and Pinnacle Peak kind of direction. I've been here nine years. I, actually, this is our ninth home, we have moved nine times. A lot of corporate relos. My education is I have a BA in history and poly-sci at the University of Missouri. I also have an MBA at the University of Missouri as well, primarily focused in finance and marketing. I spent 25, 26 years with Xerox Corporation, left as a corporate V.P. I then went off and decided to run my own company for a period of time. Ended up selling that for a couple of years and then I ended up as a global V.P. for Underwriters Laboratories, which they do conformity assessment and safety certification. So,

I think there's kind of three different things when I look at the roles that are in front of us, that are really focused on the bonds. The first one is the integrity of the bond process. I think that's important and I'm sure that's being done, but the oversight of the Committee, I think, is one of the areas that we'd want to focus on. Secondly is the priorities of the bonds which are the bonds that are coming up, which are maturing, which need to be prioritized, et cetera. I also think that we have, our bonds are all in Scottsdale, all AAA. So, I'd want the rating agencies, which are the three rating agencies of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch to keep our same AAA rating, and those are the three priorities I see in the organization. You currently have 25 bonds in place today. And in different maturities. Some of those are in different areas but I noticed that the bond series are general obligation bonds and municipal bonds. And so, the focus should be on those two areas. And so, that would be my priority as I look at the assignment. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Next up, Ms. Smith.

[Time: 00:16:30]

Tami Smith: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers, my name is Tami Smith, I live in Scottsdale for the last 14 years. My address is 7634 East Vista Drive. I have an education and professional experience that relate to my choosing the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies from the State University of New York. For 18 years, I was with American Express as a commercial underwriter. I completed formal training with Moody's and Risk Management Association. I was responsible for the in-depth financial statement analysis of small, medium, and large corporations. Also, I became a Six Sigma Green Belt, with a goal to solve complex problems by creating financial solutions across teams and departments. For four and a half years, I was with Axon, my role was to train and manage a team of associates, how to read and understand all types of municipality budgets, including towns, cities, counties, and states. I have also worked for Vanguard and Charles Schwab while successfully passing two FINRA exams.

I am wholly committed to my community. For the last eight and a half years, I have been captain of my neighborhood watch group. Within the last couple of years, I have retired from my full-time career, allowing me the opportunity to volunteer weekly at the Phoenix, Arizona, Military Entry Office. It is an honor and a privilege to assist the command staff and the young servicemen and women on the day they are starting their military careers. The City of Scottsdale has allowed me numerous opportunities to learn more of our departments and services to our residents. I previously completed the Police Citizens Academy and today, and Darryl, we are graduating from the Scottsdale 101 Citizens Academy. To all candidates here today, I highly recommend attending for I have gained valuable insights into the many departments of our city. Third question we were asked, what is the top issue facing the Committee that we are attempting to join, the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee has been focused on solutions for the 2019 Bond Projects. As I stated, my knowledge, skills, and commitment to serving our committee aligns perfectly with the requirements of the Committee in which I like to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today, and best of luck to all the candidates.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. Great candidates, as always. Thank you, Ms. Smith. Okay, we are going to go ahead and start the vote. We'll wait for, are you up there, Rommel? Okay, let's start with Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Darryl Komesu.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Robert Simmons.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Darryl Komesu.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Darryl Komesu. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Simmons.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Smith.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Darryl Komesu.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. It looks like Mr. Komesu has been appointed. Congratulations.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:19:43]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Next up is the Environmental Advisory Commission and there's one opening. The Environmental Advisory Commission provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. Special qualifications as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the Board shall reflect both scientific and non-scientific interests. There is one vacancy and four nominees. The nominees are Scott Newell, Nathan Nutter, Alexandra Sellers, and Judah Waxelbaum. I will start with Mr. Newell, if he's here. Come on up.

[Time: 00:20:41]

Scott Newell: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and esteemed members



of the City Council. My name is Scott Newell. I live at 6835 East Camelback Road and I'm proud to call Scottsdale my home for the past three years. I'm originally from Southern California, but I've enjoyed the privilege of contributing to our vibrant community ever since moving here. My educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from the California State University Maritime Academy. My professional journey began as a Naval Petty Officer, where I applied sound judgment and federal regulations in austere budget environment with a focus on operational excellence and compliance. Following my naval service, I transitioned to a role as a merchant marine officer where I was responsible for transportation of oil and gas, implementing industrial best practices and ensuring sustainability throughout our operations and robust supply energy chain. In the subsequent years I dedicated myself to the engineering field of technology, developing sensors for air quality monitoring devices, methane reduction monitors and creating smarter, more efficient IoT devices to benefit humankind.

Currently my work in industry centers on healthcare and sustainability solutions leveraging advanced technology used to address pressing challenges across our community, while partnering and working with organizations like the EPA, the California Air Resources Board, and the U.S. Green Building Council. These academic and professional experiences have equipped me to bridge the gap between technical solutions and strategic environmental stewardship. So, putting it simply, I can take complex technology and make it understandable to anybody. And that is what has really bolstered my success in both business and in my personal life. You know, again, if there's any question, that's my overarching theme is we can take something complex and challenging and turn it into something understandable and actionable. The most critical challenge facing our Environmental Advisory Commission today is water resiliency. I think as Scottsdale continues to grow, it's absolutely imperative that we have a sustainable and resilient water supply but additionally there's a pressing need for communication and avoiding silos between different Committees. It looks like that's about my time but thank you all again for the honor to be here. Appreciate it.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? I see none. Okay. So, Mr. Nutter is not here today, but he's still in the pool for the vote. Let's go on to Ms. Sellers.

[Time: 00:23:24]

Alexandra Sellers: Good afternoon, my name is Alexandra Sellers. New last name, Craig. I live at 8588 East Indian School Road. I have lived there since August 2023. Since I moved here in August, I started a new role with Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona. I began as the Executive Assistant to the organization's first Sustainability Vice President. And I have since been promoted to Manager driving our strategic relationships, partnerships, sustainability messaging, and our development of our sustainability goals. I have a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning and a Master of Science from American University School of Business in Sustainability Management. I have a broad background in sustainability and environmental work. I have worked in biotechnology, driving climate policies. I was a staff scientist driving site

investigations and remediation. I have experience understanding solar, solar energy and renewable energies, and I also did conservation research in the Amazon Rain Forest. All of this experience gives me a systemic perspective to solve environmental issues and create initiatives across the spectrum. The most pressing issue for the Environmental Advisory Commission is the drafting of recommendations for the first sustainability plan. And then, of course, implementing those, the plan once instituted. And, of course, as previously mentioned, extreme heat or, excuse me, water conservation and extreme heat are a key component to that.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? I see none. Oh, Councilman Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Yes, I missed where you stated your employment was.

Alexandra Sellers: Currently?

Councilmember Durham: Yes.

Alexandra Sellers: Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona.

Councilmember Durham: Okay, Goodwill. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: All right, thank you. Mr. Waxelbaum.

[Time: 00:25:51]

Judah Waxelbaum: Mayor Ortega and Councilmembers, my name is Judah Waxelbaum, located at 18004 North 93<sup>rd</sup> Place. And with this being my birthday, I can proudly say this is my 25<sup>th</sup> year of residency in the City of Scottsdale. I'm a product of the Scottsdale Unified School District, having attended Cheyenne Traditional School, Cocopah Middle School, and Chaparral High School. My roots in environmentalism began in the Chaparral High School garden when I took botany during my senior year. I'm a two-time graduate of Arizona State University, having earned my Master of Public Policy concentrating in Environmental Policy. I have built a career in Arizona government striving to be a bipartisan staffer, prioritizing civility, and policy. My commitment to bipartisanship has earned me the privilege of working within both the current and previous governor administrations. A testament to my ability to bridge political divides for the greater good.

Serving as the chief legislative liaison and tribal liaison for the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, I interact constantly with those looking to conserve and expand Arizona's water future. At WIFA, we work to ensure that Arizona doesn't need to choose between growth and protecting our precious natural resources. Outside of WIFA, I chair the Arizona Chapter of the American Conservation Coalition. ACC aims to solve environmental and climate change related issues through innovation and collaboration. Most recently, we joined the Southwest Audubon Society to plant native plants at the Rio Salado Pollinator Garden to help protect a vital

aspect of our ecosystem. Scottsdale holds a unique position with the power to shape our city's future. This privilege comes with the responsibility to ensure our growth takes a holistic approach. If given the opportunity to serve on this Commission, I'm confident in my ability to contribute to Scottsdale's journey at this crucial moment driven by my genuine passion for the city and conservation. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Are there any questions? I see none. Okay. Just yet another tough vote we're going to have here. All right, Mr. Cordova is up at the, ready to go with the vote. So, let's start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Yes, thank you, Scott Newell.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Scott Newell.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Alexandra Sellers. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: I just want to say we face the same situation we had in the last vote for this Commission, which was a surplus of very highly qualified candidates. And I think there's more opening coming up on the Commission. So, I hope those of you who don't get nominated tonight will stick around. But I am going to vote for Ms. Sellers.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: I agree with the Councilmember, we have abundance of qualified, overqualified candidates in many cases, and every decision is tough. I think our candidates, our applicants here, please keep trying because there will be future openings and you would run circles around many of the other neighboring cities, so that to me is obvious. I will vote for Mr. Waxelbaum.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Alexandra Sellers.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Alexandra Sellers.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, so Ms. Sellers has been appointed. All of you guys, thank you, please keep your names in the hat and thank you for being here.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:29:41]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Historic Preservation Commission is next. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. Special qualifications as outlined in the Scottsdale City Code, each member shall have demonstrated special interest, knowledge, or experience in at least one of the following: building construction, history, architectural history, real estate, historic preservation law, or other historic preservation related field. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Kat Djordjevic, and Mark Estes, and Brandon Fadden. Let's start with Kat Djordjevic. I'm sure I butchered your name. Okay, thanks, please correct me.

[Time: 00:30:40]

Kat Djordjevic: Hi, my name is Kat Djordjevic and I'm honored to have the opportunity to address the Council today as a candidate for the Historic Preservation Commission. I have a background in supply chain management, operations technology, and real estate, but above all, I live in Village Grove, one of Scottsdale's four historic residential neighborhoods. I have lived at 6835 East Almeria Road for almost eight years with my husband, my son, and our animals. I stand before you today, with deep seated passion for my city, my neighborhood, and my property. In our eight years on the property, we have seen and experienced many things. All of these are issues that I think are facing the Commission. I have seen neighbors conflicted with removing their grass which the city will pay for, but putting grass in which the Historic Preservation will pay for. I have seen neighbors sell their homes because their submittal was denied, and they saw no other path forward. I have seen neighbors rent their properties on the Airbnb because it's too difficult to deal with the historic preservation and they are simply waiting for a time to sell. I have seen new owners move in and have no clue that that they are in a historically zoned property. Unlike other commissions or boards, the HP impacts residents and their private properties yet there's no requirements or seat obligations to live in any one of these residential neighborhoods that the HP has purview over. I believe this is a miss and I would love to see that changed.

I know of only one other resident in a 300 plus home community that has taken advantage of the tax benefit through HP, many don't know it's available. Half of our neighborhood is missing signs to showcase its historic designation. The logo even boasts an A.C. unit on the top of the roof which really lacks taste and has no historic relevance. I want all of that to change. I want to have community representation on the Commission. I want the HP to have better outreach to their communities it has purview over. I want neighbors to have a better understanding of what the HP overlay means to them, their properties, and their future in the community. I also want owners to know that they have representation on the Commission. I'm here to demonstrate my commitment through action. I'll be really quick. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work tirelessly alongside fellow commissioners to support preservation strategies fostering

partnerships with city staff and homeowners, and advocate for policies that strike a balance between progress and preservation. I envision a future where historic neighborhoods thrive in vibrant, inclusive communities where it echoes the past. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. All right, next up, Mr. Estes.

[Time: 00:33:30]

Mark Estes: Thank you for the Council for this time. My name is Mark Estes. I have lived at 8233 East Edgemont for 39 years. I'm also a resident, been a resident of the Valley for more than 60 years. I have degrees in mass communications and political science. I've worked almost 40 years at Salt River Project in corporate communications and community outreach, and did a lot of work with cities, including Scottsdale on siting infrastructure from SRP. One of the concerns I have, or issues is that in Scottsdale, we have an influx of new residents, and we need to continually tell Scottsdale's story and history and make people aware of the unique qualities of the area. The Greenbelt, we have opportunities there to educate the students, especially in south Scottsdale, like the Coronado High Schools, and some of the great schools in that area about the families that helped build the Greenbelt. Some of those families had relatives who built the Paiute neighborhood and the new cross-cut canal. Also, as far as my community involvement, I have been a youth soccer coach for more than ten years and also currently I'm an inspector for the Maricopa County Elections Board. Thanks again for your time.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Mr. Fadden? I should have asked for questions. No questions. Okay.

[Time: 00:035:24]

Brandon Fadden: Hi, good afternoon, Mayor, Council, thank you for the opportunity. My name is Brandon Fadden. I'm an Arizona native and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for the past nine years, I live at 8702 East Solano Drive, 85250. I've always had a love for architecture and the built environment, I have focused my career on trying to make the surroundings the best they can be. I received my bachelor's degree at Northern Arizona University in construction management and have managed a variety of construction projects throughout the state of Arizona. As I grew in my career, I saw a need for a better construction experience, and started Constructed Matter, we're residential and commercial general contractor with our office right here in Old Town Scottsdale. We have done a variety of projects, ranging from commercial tenant exterior improvements to residential renovations and additions. Many of these projects have involved historic preservation and have melded my love of history with construction. I'm a member of the Urban Land Institute, Local Product Council for adaptive reuse, infill, and revitalization, which focuses on high-quality infill development along with adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

With that, one the top issues I see facing the Historic Preservation Commission is balancing the

historic preservation and protection of our past with and implementing modern construction techniques. Scottsdale's historic buildings are relatively young, compared to many cities but I think that gives us an opportunity to learn from other towns and cities across the United States, and be able to take lessons learned there apply it to our town. I think it's important to have an open collaboration and communication between all the stakeholders and provide motivation for those seeking redevelopment to honor our historical past. Scottsdale is ever growing. There's constant redevelopment happening. We're a landlocked city and so it really like, the buildings we have here, I want to grow and honor them and able to, you know, make best use as we can. Thank you again for the opportunity and I'm here for any questions.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Are there any questions? I see none.

Brandon Fadden: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, we're going to go ahead and wait for Mr. Cordova. All right. We will start the vote with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Brandon Fadden. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Djordjevic.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Brandon Fadden.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kat Djordjevic. Did you get that?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Yes, we got that. Thank you. So, Mr. Estes, I believe is the winner?

Councilwoman Janik: No.

Councilmember Graham: No.

Rommel Cordova: We will have to revote again.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, okay, let's, we're going to go ahead and start again. All right, so what happens folks is that if there's a two-person difference.

Rommel Cordova: So, an individual has to get four.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, okay. Oh, right. The majority on Council, okay. All right. You know what, let's just start again with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mark Estes. Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Durham: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Durham, Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: We get confused a lot.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: They look so much alike.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Djordjevic.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Brandon Fadden.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Mark Estes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kat Djordjevic.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Mr. Estes has it, but, again, the rest of you, please stay in, and thank you.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:39:20]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. Next up is Human Relations Commission, just when we thought things were going to get easier, we have a great list of candidates. The Human Relations Commission advocates and promotes all dimensions of diversity. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and staff to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people, to discourage prejudice and discrimination, and to work towards cultural awareness and unity. There are three vacancies and six nominees. Kris Cano has withdrawn her application from consideration. The nominees are Veronica Aguilar, Muhammad Babur, DeMarco Cason, Jeannie McKenna, James Somerville, and Sarah Yaron. Let's start with Ms. Aguilar.

[Time: 00:40:28]

Veronica Aguilar: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers, it is such an honor to be here to interview for this Commission, not only just having the opportunity to speak with you all but also because of the caliber of its members, including one of our dear community friends the late Robin Reed. It's really an honor to have y'all's time. My name is Veronica Aguilar, 525 North Miller Road and I'm a proud first generation Mexican-American Scottsdale native where I have lived my entire life for 34 years. The mission of this Commission is one that I have an unwavering and deep belief in. One that truly matches my core values. And I'm really excited to bring my personal experience, my expertise and background to really advocate for all dimensions of diversity and work cross lines of difference. I'm a product of the Scottsdale Unified School District and my educational journey led me to graduate not only with my undergrad but also with my grad degree at Arizona State University. And my experience as a former teacher in the public school system has really given me unique insights on access and equity.

Now, my current role as Vice President for Teach for America and also the founder of a Scottsdale nonprofit, Young and Empowered Woman, I work and advocate endlessly to close the opportunity and achievement gap for marginalized communities. Now, I believe a top issue facing this Commission is ensuring that all people have, no matter what zip code of diversity, feel safe, seen and heard from all generations. We really do here in Scottsdale have the power to extend our reach and bring in and retain even more businesses and residents. And at the same time, encourage more incentives for our current partners on inclusion and equity. I know the growth and success of Scottsdale is going to continue to shine and it's really just getting started, which is why I'm really excited to bring this fresh new perspective to the Commission and work alongside you all to ensure Scottsdale continues to be a welcoming and safe space. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. Mr. Babur.



[Time: 00:042:45]

Muhammad Babur: Mr. Mayor and City Council thank you for inviting me and can you hear me now? Perfect. This is the second time I'm applying for this Commission because I strongly believe on this charter of this Commission and the work you guys have been doing. A little bit of background from me, I live 10651 140<sup>th</sup> Way in Scottsdale. I have been in Scottsdale for last ten year. I came to the United States almost 30 years ago with only \$357 in my pocket and now I have been at Mayo Clinic for the last 25 years. I have my MBA in healthcare administration, and in computer science from New York. So my point is the promise of this country and the tolerance and inclusion which we have in the United States, it's personal experience to me. That's the reason I would like to become part of this Commission. But on the other hand, I would like to share my experience which I have the work which I have done in this area, you know?

I have been a member of Mayo Clinic Diversity Committee for the last 25 years. I have presented on inclusion, diversity, and equity issues nationally and globally. I have wrote many articles on those ones and I have participated on many seminar, conferences, and presented national and global level. And also shared how inclusion and diversity is helping our economic note. It attacks talent, technology and makes us world-class global city. Some of the challenges which I see, I wouldn't say challenges, but on the opportunity which we in Scottsdale we have and for the Human Relations Commission is the use of technology. And how can we use artificial intelligence and data to make our practices and all the different systems much more better and make it fair and unbiased to our newcomers and to our citizens. Because if we can use the technology and artificial intelligence effectively, I think it will help us to make the policy do many other things which we're trying to accomplish through the Human Relations Commission, much more effectively. So, combining that opportunity when we have, and I think we can make the city really a national leader using this technology in diversity and inclusion. Thank you very much. And this is the second time applying for this Commission.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, thank you so much. Do we have any questions? I see none. So, why don't we have Mr. Cason come up.

[Time: 00:45:38]

DeMarco Cason: Hello, Mayor Ortega and the rest of the dais. My name is DeMarco Cason, I'm a resident of Scottsdale about two years now, about ten years in the Valley. I am a supply chain director. I work for Juggernaut Defense in north Scottsdale. I have a Bachelor of Science from Middle Tennessee State University, where I got my degree in Aerospace. I worked in many different fields throughout the valley, between renewable energy, aerospace, automotive and now the defense industry. I'm a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, which is nationally known and one of our distinct members being Dr. Martin Luther King. I'm a member of the Urban League Young Professionals here in Phoenix, where I served as a Civic Engagement Chair and in 2021, I received the Social Justice Award. I'm also a private pilot and I do train out

of Scottsdale Airport now with Scottsdale Executive Flight Training, so enjoying that.

As far as issues I see that I see within the Board, diversity, equity, and inclusion is very important. It's beginning to be a little bit watered down. I think people have gotten tired of hearing about it, but it's very much still important. I believe in keeping that alive, and also here in the city of Scottsdale, you know, where there are very few minorities, I believe being a member of this Commission, you know, brings about a level of comfort that there is someone for everyone here in Scottsdale. And to continue to promote Scottsdale as a safe place for everyone that comes. There's a very deep history here in Scottsdale, and one that can be one to be proud of, but then there is a history that isn't to be proud of at some point in time, which is okay, but we need to understand, you know, our history and how to correct those things. So, I do believe with me being on that Board, just being that face and being an advocate here in the city of Scottsdale and those new members and those who move into the city. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Any questions? I see none. Okay. Ms. McKenna. Oh, let's see, she's interested in serving on the Commission, but she's actually not joining us today. Sorry. Okay, okay, so gosh, Mr. Somerville, as the Mayor just said, is going to participate electronically, but he's not online right now. And let's see, next up is Ms. Yaron and she also is unable to participate but is still interested in serving on the Commission. So that leaves us waiting for Mr. Somerville if no go? Okay. We're going to go ahead and vote then, and we're going to go ahead and start with Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Thank you. I will vote for Ms. Aguilar. Mr. Babur, and Mr. Cason.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you, I will vote for Mr. Babur, Ms. McKenna, and Ms. Yaron.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Veronica Aguilar, DeMarco Cason, and Sarah Yaron.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Veronica Aguilar, Mohammad Babur, and DeMarco Cason.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Mohammad Babur, DeMarco Cason, James Somerville.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Veronica Aguilar, and DeMarco Cason, and Sharon, sorry, Sarah Yaron.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Sarah.

Councilmember Durham: Did you vote for Veronica? Did they put it up?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Did you vote for Sarah Yaron?

Mayor Ortega: Yes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, you are done. I didn't realize the Mayor was done. Okay, sorry, it's up to me now. Veronica Aguilar, Muhammed Babur, DeMarco Cason. And it looks like three have been appointed. So, Veronica, Mr. Babur, and Mr. Cason. Thank you, everyone, for participating.

#### **HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:50:39]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Human Services Advisory Commission. The Human Services Advisory Commission provides advisory recommendations to staff and the City Council on human services priorities and programs, and funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Fund. There is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are Lee Cooley, Ralph da Costa Nunes, and Roger Lurie. Mr. Lurie's term expires this month, but he's eligible for reappointment and he's going to participate electronically. Let's start with Mr. Cooley.

[Time: 00:51:26]

Lee Cooley: Vice Mayor Whitehead, Mayor Ortega, honorable Councilmembers. Thank you for having me here today. My name is Lee Cooley, live at 10142 East Floriade Drive and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 18 years now. I have moved here to work at Make-a-Wish Foundation and years later became Communication Director for the Arizona Realtor State Association. And I'm now Director of Marketing and Communications for the Scottsdale Realtors Association. I also have the pleasure of serving as staff liaison for the Associate's Housing Opportunities Committee. I want to thank those of you who attended our forum yesterday. We also work closely with Scottsdale's Community Assistance Office.

One of the top issues facing the Commission, I think, is resurrecting the Residents at Paiute Project. I want to thank you for advancing my application to a formal nomination but in all honestly, you have two much better candidates before you today. Roger Lurie has already served three years on the Human Services Advisory Commission. He worked in I.T. at A.S.U. for over 30 years and continues to consult there. Dr. Ralph da Costa Nunes, has 35 years of non-

profit experience. A former president and CEO of the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness in New York City. He focused that organization on the impact that public policies have on poor and homeless children and their families. Again, I thank you for the nomination, and I'm not officially withdrawing but I do think the better choices here today really come down to one of these other two candidates. Don't worry, you will see my name again for future vacancies.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: We think you're wonderful. Okay. Are there any questions for the somewhat, I guess, stepping down candidate? Stepping aside, stepping aside. All right. Let's have Mr. Nunes come up. Is he here today? Oh, there he is. Yes, come on up.

[Time: 00:53:20]

Ralph da Costa Nunes: Well, I didn't expect that. So, my name is Ralph da Costa Nunes, I live at 12702 128<sup>th</sup> Place in Scottsdale. I had a home here for over 20 years, but I've only been living here permanently for the last four. I have a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University where I have been a professor at the Graduate School of International Public Affairs for 43 years. At the same time, I have been lucky enough to have a public service career of 43 years. Began in New York City government, Legislative Office of Budget Review. I have worked in the Mayor's Office of Youth Services and overseeing thousand contracts funding and all of that. First Deputy Commissioner for Operations of the Adult Services Agency in New York, which includes 300 Senior Centers throughout the city, all homeless shelters for singles and families in the city of New York, protective services for adults, all the AIDS programs in the city. I have also been first deputy in the Mayor's for homeless and S.R.O. offices, coordinating services across all the city agencies which homelessness touches upon. And I've worked in mental health. Now all of that aside, none of that really means anything if I can't put it to use, right? So, I'm attracted to this particular Commission because I, now being here in Scottsdale for a while, I see what the need is going to be in the future. I see the biggest problem facing this particular Commission is in two areas; seniors and poverty and low income, and middle-class that is declining. And that's all across the country.

Now, the problem in Scottsdale is that we have to keep our head above the water, maintaining what we have and enhancing it, however we have, through not only government funding, but foundations and other funding from the feds in different levels. And the bigger piece is that this place is growing, 20 years that I have been coming here, it's been in leaps and bounds. It's so different from the days of the old dirt roads. As more people come here, there's more demand for services. You can't have a healthy community unless you have a healthy community services, human services in between there serving people. As that grows, that demand is going to be more challenging than ever. It's going to take more effort than ever to maintain and grow it, and we are now faced with even homelessness, which isn't it's not as big here, believe me, as it is in New York City and elsewhere in the country, but when it starts, it comes. And it has to be dealt with in unique ways and government always responds to that in just a crisis mode there. There needs to be strong planning across the senior basis all the way to the low-income poverty, the

housing needs in this community and that's what I come here to offer to serve.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mr. Nunes.

Ralph da Costa Nunes: They say the measure of one's health.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mr. da Costa Nunes, the time is up.

Ralph da Costa Nunes: I'm done?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: You're done, but we do appreciate everything you said.

Ralph da Costa Nunes: Thank you. That was the easiest thing I have done.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Mr. Lurie is going to participate electronically. There he is.

[Time: 00:56:25]

Roger Lurie: Okay. Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and members of the City Council. And I want to also thank Mr. Cooley for his comments as well. My name is Roger Lurie, I live at 10952 East Mission Lane where I resided for the past 30 years, 48 years in the Valley. I also want to thank you for allowing me to participate remotely while I provide caretaking for a family member. My career, I served in a senior leadership role at Arizona State University, setting strategy, managing a budget and staff. I'm now completing my first three-year term on the Human Services Advisory Commission and Housing Governing Board and I'm collaborating with Kara Peters, new Director of Human Services to formulate a strategic plan for the department. I volunteer as a career coach at Vista del Camino where I have been serving for the past eight years and assisted several persons find employment and avoid hardship.

I received the city's Volunteer Impact Award in 2020 and a Neighborhood Hero Award in 2022. I have also actively volunteered in many social service events throughout the city, being eyes and ears on the needs of our community. I was elected to the Partners for Paiute Board in 2023, which is a nonprofit focused on providing assistance to families in crisis. During my tenure on the Commission, we have implemented oversight for Section 8 housing vouchers, reviewed and prioritized funding requests, advised city staff on services for persons at risk of becoming homeless, bridge housing, seniors, persons with disabilities, and mental health. Affordable housing and mitigating the risk of homeless is my number one concern for the Commission and I believe that collaborating with private developers, infill, working with faith-based organizations are key for this strategy. I would be honored to serve a second three-year term and thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. We're going to go ahead and start the vote with Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Thank you. I will vote for Professor da Costa Nunes.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Robert Lurie.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Once again, all of you are extremely qualified and I thank you for all the work you have done for human services. With that, I will vote for Roger Lurie, but I ask all of you to come back and reapply because you all have a lot to offer. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: I will double that down, what was just said, but I will also vote for Roger Lurie.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Roger Lurie.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Roger Lurie. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Roger Lurie.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay,

Councilmember Durham: Roger Lurie.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: So, Mr. Lurie has been appointed to a second term. Next, we go to the Library Board.

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

[Time: 00:59:33]

The Library Board advises the City Council on general policy relating to the programs, services, and future development of the Scottsdale Public Libraries. There is one vacancy and five nominees. Kathy Lane has withdrawn her application from consideration. The nominees are Dawn Abel, Suzanna Gutierrez Colby, Carrie Cox, Roselyn O'Connell, and Janice Shimokubo. Sorry, Janice. Okay. Let's start with Ms. Abel.

[Time: 01:00:14]

Dawn Abel: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council, thank you for the invitation to be here today. My name is Dawn Abel. I live at 2041 North 87<sup>th</sup> Way at Pima Villas. I have lived here in Scottsdale for nine years. My experiences are fairly broad and expansive. I have three degrees in education, two from Temple University in Philadelphia, one from San Jose State. My minors were in english and psychology. My professional work started as an educational counselor in a rehab center in Philadelphia, preparing court-ordered clients for literacy GED testing. I also worked as a grade sixth through eight teacher for ten years. The remainder of my career was in industry as a technical writer and instructional designer. One of those jobs was for a company called Carlisle Systems which designed library automation and collection systems for archival and retrieval purposes. Our primary project at that time was for U.C. Berkeley's Archaeological Department.

I'm very big on technology because most of my career was spent in high-tech in San Jose, California. I, currently and in the past, have volunteered for the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization here in metro Phoenix. I have been on their Board. I have also been a bylaws contributor and reviewer through today. I was also on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California in the past. Again, another nonpartisan organization, and I am also a volunteer for Secular Arizona and an active member. All of these organizations are currently working on issues related to school boards and libraries, particularly in the areas of first amendment rights and book banning. I'm also Pima Villa's HOA Board and have been for the last eight years. I have been Treasurer for the last five years.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Ms. Abel, wrap it up, thank you.

Dawn Abel: I didn't give you the issues but let me just give you the top; book bans and teaching kids critical thinking to discern facts and truth from misinformation on social media.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Perfect, okay. Thank you. Any questions? I see none. Okay, Ms. Gutierrez Colby.

[Time: 01:03:06]

Suzanna Colby: Well, good afternoon. Thank you very much for inviting me here today. My name is Suzanna Colby, and I live at 9977 North 101<sup>st</sup> Street and I have been a Scottsdale resident for 38 years. And I've just come from proctoring A.P. exams for one of our local high schools. Lots of work, there but the students are doing fantastically well. But for me, as an english and reading teacher, library volunteer, and former department chair, I have worked collaboratively with many, many people, students, parents, my colleagues, and lots of library patrons as well. I have certainly faced a number of, I will say sorry, sorry, a little nervous here. But anyway, so I have been able to work collaboratively with many people. But when a serious issue maybe faces us, I feel it's so very important to maybe establish some common ground and then most important to listen to what that person has to say. And then hopefully working together we can come to some sort of a resolution that's amicable for all of us. A couple of issues that I see with the library, excuse me, Library Board is, of course, concern with the

budget. The idea that the budge should keep commensurate with our digital age and certainly with patron requests. But I think even more than that, I have the other day, I had a chance to listen to a library staff person just kind of outlying all the amazing, wonderful outstanding services that our libraries offer, and some of them on the Board are asking for maybe some additional ideas that might help to promote, again, all of these wonderful services that our libraries offer to all of our Scottsdale citizens. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Ms. Colby. Is Ms. Cox here?

[Time: 01:05:52]

Carrie Cox: Good afternoon. I reside at 13326 Sorrel Lane for the last eight years. I'm a retired educator with a Bachelor's degree in Education and Master's Degree in Health Science. Imagine back when you were a toddler writing your tricycle up and down the driveway, you were safe and secure. See yourself now sitting in a bicycle with, of course, the training wheels. You are concentrating on balance and direction. Will I get to the end of the driveway without falling? Now imagine your first solo ride without the training wheels. Your heart is racing. Your eyes are wide open. Your muscles are tense. You struggle with balance, and then you realize you have left the driveway to explore the world. That, my friends, is what access to books and reading books is all about. At home and in school, we learn to read, and after the basics on how to read, we explore the world. Our eyes are opened to stories of love, mystery, history and even murders. Whether it's fiction or nonfiction, books are always there. And they make us laugh, ponder, or even cry. Reading develops character. Reading will touch and tug at our very soul. Books makes us all lifelong learners and ignites our imagination. Access to books is the foundation of continuous learning in our communities. This is why I believe our libraries in Scottsdale need to be open longer, so children and adults can walk, ride their bikes, and or drive to the library in their neighborhood, before school, after school, or after dinner. I would like to leave you with a quote, the America I love still exists at the front desk of all our libraries. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Very nice. Okay, Ms. O'Connell.

[Time: 01:08:30]

Roselyn O'Connell: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, Madam Vice Mayor, members of the City Council, thank you for inviting me here today. My name is Roselyn O'Connell. I live at 11035 East De La O Road in Scottsdale. My husband and I moved to Arizona about 40 plus years ago, and we've lived in Scottsdale for more than 20. I'm a proud card-carrying members of the Friends of the Library in Scottsdale, and I have my very own Scottsdale library card. Qualifications wise, I have a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies from ASU. I earned a certification from USC's Burn Center to teach guided autobiography. Board and personal experience, I have served on the Westminster Village Board, which is a CCRC at about Cactus and 90<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been a volunteer at Noah Webster which is on Pima Road. I have been the Chairperson of the Arizona League of



Conservation Voters. And I am an expert speaker for the State Department. I have been sent to Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Brazil, Trinidad, Tobago, and four countries in Africa. And I was sent there to train women and men on community organization and issue advocacy.

Currently I'm a member of the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church at Pima and Happy Valley. I focus on adult education programming. My home library is Appaloosa. I took it upon myself to visit Arabian, Mustang, and the Civic Center Libraries. And I came away with even more enthusiasm for our library system. I believe the ongoing challenge is maintaining relevance and appeal in our rapidly changing culture. I believe our libraries are up to the task with your continuing support and I would be honored to be a part of the future with a place on the Library Board. I love talking about our libraries, but I know my time is up. So, thank you so much for inviting me today.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, all right. Let's go on with Ms. Shimokubo.

Janice Shimokubo: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and City Councilmembers. I'm Janice Shimokubo and I live at 6114 East Sonoran Trail; zip code is 85266. I have lived in Scottsdale for 15 years, 13 years, excuse me, five years in McCormick Ranch in the 1990s and then I returned to Scottsdale in 2016. My M.B.A. degree and 30-year career at Fortune 100 companies, leading lines of businesses, taught me the value of continuing education, training, continuous improvement, strategic vision, and the importance of innovation to sustain growth. I would bring my passion to those principles to the Library Board. I want to serve on the Library Board to further enhance the quality of life in our city. Through offering lifelong learning opportunities to people of all ages, creating a welcoming environment, and providing open access to books and information makes our library invaluable resource. The top issue facing the Library Board is helping to keep the library relevant.

As Board members, our representatives of the community, the Board members can be ambassadors, as well as advocates for the many, many programs the library offers, through participation as well as promoting. I myself have been to multiple curious crafter classes, different speeches, and find the library programming is just tremendous. The other things that I wanted to talk about too, I'm sorry, I forgot to bring this up. But I have been a volunteer for the City of Scottsdale through the Human Relations Commission Service. I have been on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board, as well as served on the Citizen Review Board for General Plan 2035. I'm a big, big proponent of the library and I do believe that through visionary leadership, strong strategic plan, and a willingness to try new things, the Scottsdale library continues to thrive and be successful in the years to come. Thank you for your consideration. And do you have any questions?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Any questions? I see none. Thank you, Janice. All right. Let's start the vote with Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Really tough. Roselyn O'Connell, please.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Carrie Cox.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Carrie Cox.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Roselyn O'Connell.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Roselyn O'Connell. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Roselyn O'Connell.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Cox.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, it looks like Ms. O'Connell has been nominated. And a huge thank you to all of you Ms. Abel, Colby, Cox, all of you guys, Shimokubo.

#### **MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:14:28]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Next up is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. There are two openings. The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission provides citizen oversight for acquisition, preservation, management, and stewardship of the McDowell Mountain and related Sonoran Desert for the benefit of this and future generations. There are two vacancies and three nominees. The nominees are Kerry Olsson, Michael Pomarico, and Ryan Rybarczyk.

Councilwoman Caputi: Rybarczyk.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Somebody corrected me.

Councilwoman Caputi: Rybarczyk.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, it was Councilwoman Caputi. Okay, Rybarczyk. Mr. Olsson's term expires this month. He is eligible for reappointment, and he will be participating electronically. There he is.

[Time: 01:15:26]

Kerry Olsson: Hi, thank you, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and Councilmembers. I appreciate the time. My name is Kerry Olsson. I live at 33199 North 82<sup>nd</sup> Street. I'm a native of Arizona, third generation, lived in Scottsdale for the last 15 years. From a background of my education, professional volunteer background, I have a C.I.S. Computer Information Systems degree from Arizona State University and have retired from a career in software development consulting. I'm proud to be a recent graduate of the Scottsdale Water Academy, and I'm passionate and regular user of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. I currently serve as Vice Chair for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, and I'm a steward with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy for the last six years with approximately 4,000 hours served.

The top issues that we're facing as a Commission, it's really all about the fact, I'm just blown away with the history of the people who have put this together, but we have an unimaginable resource in the way the Preserve has been built, and we have spent upwards of \$1.5 billion to acquire it. Now we need to preserve to fund it and fund the maintenance of the Preserve. And so, the upcoming vote the Council has just approved is certainly the number one priority for us is to get that. But following right behind it as part of that vote is setting up the oversight process of how that money is, how that budget is, and those deliverables are taken care of. And I'm looking forward to working with the Commission for the upcoming year and setting up those processes to oversee that. Additionally, I think completing the Ecological Resource Plan, and defining how the city will ensure the sustainability of the Preserve, plants, and animals. Those are my high priority items that I'm looking at, and with that, I will leave it for any questions. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. Thank you, Mr. Olsson. Michael Pomarico.

[Time: 01:17:45]

Michael Pomarico: Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, Councilmembers, my name is Michael Pomarico, I live at 11333 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, # 1107 85260 and I lived in Scottsdale for a little over ten years. Just over a year ago, I had the opportunity to speak with you as a representative of my classmates in the Scottsdale 101 Program, which we had just graduated from. So, it's good to be with you again today to discuss my interest in serving on the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. As I suspect is the case with some of you, and many Arizonans and residents of Scottsdale, a primary motivating factor for me to move here was the climate and the excellent outdoor recreational and hiking opportunities that are here. I have to admit though at the time I was not very familiar with McDowell Sonoran Preserve and I have since become very familiar with it. I'm a regular user of it, and it is really arguably the most unique desert habitat in a modern urban environment anywhere in the world. I think given its existence, the length of its existence, as well as the success thus far, in preserving and protecting and enhancing the Preserve, it's easy to take it for granted that we will always have it and have it in the condition

that it is in now.

And as citizens of Scottsdale, it's incumbent upon us to exercise our responsibility to serve as engaged stewards of this unique place which really contributes greatly to the quality of life in Scottsdale. And so, because of that reason, I think one of the most direct and impactful ways to do that is to serve on the Commission and that's why I'm interested in participating in it. Just quickly, I know I'm getting through this a lot of time here. I want to quickly focus on one professional experience that prepares me for the Board. For the last 11 years, I have worked on a nonprofit law and policy think tank where I work with and help manage a group of desperate legal volunteers who are judges, lawyers, government officials, technologists, who all work in common cause to solve achieve solutions on challenging and novel legal issues. And we do that through working group meetings, through publications that are cited by in courts, referred to by government organizations and utilized by practitioners. That process is collaborative. It's consensus-based, and I suspect the same will be necessary serving on the Commission.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you.

Michael Pomarico: So, thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mr. Pomarico. I'm going to say it Rybarczyk. I know Ryan, I just don't know how to say his name.

Councilwoman Caputi: I wrote it down.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mr. Rybarczyk, please come up to the podium.

[Time: 01:20:49]

Ryan Rybarczyk: Good afternoon, Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council, my name is Ryan Rybarczyk. And I currently live at 12144 East Clinton Street which is right at the base of the McDowell Mountains and right near Lost Dog Trail. So, the Preserve is very near and dear to me. I have been in Arizona for 16 years by way of Ohio. I started my professional career in the United States Navy. I went on to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Master's of Business Administration, and have had a 17-year corporate career working in human resources management. I also am a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership, Class 36 and I also serve at the pleasure of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce as well. These experiences will lead into my success in this role because it requires strong leadership skills along with a self-starter mentality that I believe is going to be beneficial to this position. Also, I have the ability to understand certain financial aspects, certain things that come in along with possibly land acquisition, along with being able to present different ideas and so forth to City Council. The top issue that we are facing right now is funding and making sure that the funding is in place to support the parks and the Preserve. A lot of people don't know that the funding is not permanent but has to be reconsidered every so often.

So, one the things that we want to make sure is not only do the stakeholders within the city know but also the community is well educated on these facts as well. One of the other things that we want to make sure too is that we're protecting the ecological environment of the Preserve. That too is very unique not only to Scottsdale, but to the Sonoran Desert as well. So, we want to make sure that we have got certain plans in place. We understand the ecological aspect of what is going on with the flora and the fauna and then we also want to make sure that we are doing the right things to maintain and preserve that for future generations. I want to leave with a quote from Frank Lloyd Wright, "If you foolishly ignore beauty, you will soon find yourself without it, but if you wisely invest in beauty, it will remain with you all the days of your life." And with that, I thank you for your time and open it up to any questions.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mr. Rybarczyk.

Ryan Rybarczyk: Rybarczyk

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Very good. Any questions? And that's a good quote. All right, so with that we're going to go and vote. So, we'll just wait for Mr. Cordova to come up. And we will start with Councilwoman Janik.

[Time: 01:23:32]

Councilwoman Janik: Ryan Rybarczyk and Kerry Olsson.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Kerry Olsson. Michael Pomarico.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Kerry Olsson and Ryan Rybarczyk.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Kerry Olsson and Ryan Rybarczyk. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Kerry Olsson and Ryan Rybarczyk.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Pomarico and Mr. Rybarczyk. Sorry.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: You did it right. Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Kerry Olsson and Ryan Rybarczyk.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Janik. Did I start with you? Okay. All right, we're done. All right, so, Mr. Olsson and Mr. Rybarczyk have been appointed and Mr. Pomarico, keep your name in the hat.

Councilwoman Janik: Yes.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:24:25]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Neighborhood Advisory Commission. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council on policies, plans, strategies and programs for the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale's housing and neighborhoods. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Bridget Schwartz-Manock. Ms. Schwartz-Manock's term expires this month and is eligible for reappointment and she is participating electronically. There she is. Go ahead.

[Time: 01:24:59]

Bridget Schwartz-Manock: Hi, good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and honorable Councilmembers. My name is Bridget Schwartz-Manock, and I have lived in McCormick Ranch for the last 17 years and currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission. I have a B.A. in Political Science, a Master's in Public Administration, and I have worked in the public sector and management roles for the last 31 years, including four years as the City of Scottsdale's Government Relations Director. I'm currently employed as the Public Affairs Director at the Central Arizona Project and I'm also a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership and the Citizens Water Academy. I see the top issues facing the Neighborhood Advisory Commission are to increase awareness of the Spirit of Scottsdale award nomination process. We would love to see more applications come in, and I'd also like some day for the grant funding levels to be increased to match the ever-increasing landscaping and construction costs for the neighborhood improvements that our Commission funds. I would be honored to continue to serve on this Commission and I thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Okay, we are going to start the vote with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Bridget Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Bridget Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Bridget Schwartz-Manock. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Bridget Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Bridget Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Bridget Schwartz-Manock.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Bridget has been reappointed.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:26:56]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council on the acquisitions of lands and facilities for use as parks or recreation centers, and on the operation, use, care and maintenance of these parks and recreation areas. There is one vacancy and two nominees. The nominees are Jamie Alford and Teresa Kim Quale. Ms. Quale's term expires this month, but she is eligible for reappointment. With that, we are going to go ahead and start with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Teresa Quale.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Teresa Quale. Councilmember Durham.

Ben Lane: Vice Mayor, I'm sorry, we, interviews.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Oh, I'm just moving fast.

Councilwoman Caputi: It's a long night.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Ms. Alford, I am so sorry. And thank you, there's a reason that Mr. Lane is here, to keep us in order. Ms. Alford, please come up and my apologies.

[Time: 01:28:00]

Jamie Alford: And I even wore pink so you wouldn't forget me.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And it's beautiful. Thank you.

Jamie Alford: Good afternoon. I'm Jamie Alford from McDowell Mountain Community, residing at 10248 East Penstamin Drive, Scottsdale 85255. Having called Scottsdale home for 21 years, I'm really thrilled to be here for the interview. With a degree in marketing and business administration, coupled with experiences in sales, account management, and community volunteer, community volunteering, I believe I bring a well-rounded background to the table. My strengths lie in problem solving, collaboration, and active listening. I believe listening, hearing the needs of Scottsdale residents is crucial for crafting initiatives that truly serve them. As a frequent user of our parks, facilities, and programs and classes, I am amazed at the value that Scottsdale parks and recs offers. For instance, I recently enjoyed playing mixed doubles for just \$3 this week. And that is an incredible value. We must remember that, because when you go to purchase a cup of coffee, it's like \$7. So, for an hour and a half, you can enjoy your activity for \$3. So, with this position, I want to ensure that residents have continued access to affordable activities. Looking ahead, I see the following top issues, recognizing the importance of maintaining infrastructure within budget constraints, managing the work environment, the workforce, prioritizing safety in the park. And the other day I was sharing with my friends how Scottsdale parks and recreation systems meets the needs of all ages from birth until old age. And I believe it's important that we preserve and improve what was created, the generations before us for future generations. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much. Okay, Ms. Quale, come on up.

[Time: 01:30:27]

Teresa Kim Quale: Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and Councilmembers, my name is Teresa Kim Quale. I live at 7730 East Astor Drive where I have lived for 42 years and I have lived in Scottsdale for 62 years and yes, I was a small child and went to Kiva at that time. I have spent the last three years on the Parks and Recreation Commission. And I'll tell you, it's been a whirlwind. It's a busy place. I have seen many of the honorable Council people at the various openings and events that we've had. In the last year I have spent, starting in June, I became the commission member who was assigned the important task of being on the Master Planning Committee for the park system. And speaking as somebody who has been going to those two meetings with the consultant and the incredible dedicated staff from Nick Molinari on down, I brought a visual aid so you can see how busy we are working. There are 44 parks in the city of Scottsdale. I made a decision in January that I would visit all of them. I will tell you that I'm not there yet. But I have been going to everything from the great big parks, like those in the Indian Bend Wash, as well as little tiny parks like Chestnut Park where you see families and their kids after school playing.

And if I wasn't committed to the Parks and Recreation Department before, talking to our residents who love our parks, who use our parks, kind of gave me not a rededication because I have always been dedicated but really made me realize how incredibly important the parks are



to the city. The most important issue by far is how to maintain our wonderful world-class amenities. And enhance them. And deal with the water issues. There are really so many issues in front of parks and rec, but I'm confident that the city can do it, and one of our big priorities will be to work to get past the replace and extension of the sales tax to not only take care of the Preserve, which needs it, but also the rest of our open spaces including the parks. So that's my priority. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you so much, Ms. Quale. Okay, we are going to go ahead and start the vote again legitimately. Mayor, would you like to start your vote again?

Mayor Ortega: Teresa Quale.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Yes, I am going to appoint, I will vote for Quale for the second term. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Teresa Kim Quale.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Ms. Alford.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Teresa Quale.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Ms. Quale.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Jamie Alford.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay, so thank you. And Ms. Quale has been reappointed. Ms. Alford should keep her name in the hat.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

[Time: 01:33:22]

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Let's move on to the Planning Commission. There are two openings. The Planning Commission holds public meetings and makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to the creation of zoning districts, the enforcement of zoning regulations,

amendments to all zoning ordinances, and any other planning and zoning issue. There are two vacancies and three nominees. Doug Craig has withdrawn his application from consideration. The nominees are Barney Gonzales, Mr. Gonzales' term expires this month, and he is eligible for reappointment, Pamela Iacovo, and Michal Ann Joyner. Let's start with Mr. Gonzales. Please come to the podium.

[Time: 01:34:17]

Barney Gonzales: Thank you for the opportunity to come forward to the City Council, once again. I want to put my name out as Barney Gonzales. My address is 6349 North Cattle Track Drive here in Scottsdale, 85250. I've been a resident over 45 years in the city of Scottsdale and I'm a native of Arizona. I guess maybe, you know, I haven't really prepared a real accurate speech. Most people know what my recommendations are and things of that nature. I don't want to really take up much time in doing that, talking about myself so much as I really appreciate the ability of being able to work with the Planning Commission. It's a very important job. I've been coming to the Commission Meetings since I was probably about five years old. So, I've always looked forward to this and representing the citizens and working with the city on these type of issues. I tried to participate as much as possible with every decision I make on the Board as far as prior and then after the past of when I made judgments for myself towards the Board.

The questions I have is always try to attend the open houses, any meetings, any anything that has anything to do with that I might think would be coming forward within that period of year as far as any kind of planning. I look at this trying to get the best balance view on development, whether it's good for the city, good for the services, good for the residents, everything is all inclusive, and it's very important to me to hear both sides, because there's always two sides to every story, as we all know. And I can only appreciate your time and your considerations because I know there's many things that are grabbing your attention. The biggest problem I see right now that is happening is that as a city, as a Planning Commission, we are being overwhelmed with conditions set by outside forces, such as the state of Arizona, Maricopa County, Board of Supervisors, people who try to tell us how to zone, how to manage our own services, how to serve our own residents, and how to for us to be able to manage and plan for our future. I look forward to any questions you may have.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you, Mr. Gonzales. Any questions? I see none. Thank you. So, Ms. Iacovo.

[Time: 01:37:18]

Barney Gonzales: Thank you.

Pamela Iacovo: My name is Pamela Iacovo, I live at 13524 East Gold Dust Avenue and I've been a Scottsdale resident for 20 years. Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of the City

Council, thank you for this opportunity to continue to serve the Council and the residents. Keeping the goals of the Planning Commission in mind, how my experiences relate to the Planning Commissions are as follows: As chair of the Transportation Commission, I was an integral member of the Citizens Review Committee that influenced the General Plan, including adding the four key elements such as tourism and education. Thank you for accepting our work and to the voters who approved the General Plan in November of 2021. The Transportation Commission was also intimately involved with the passage of the Transportation Action Plan, which reflects the multimodal nature of Scottsdale and includes provisions for equestrians. As a Chamber of Commerce leader in Dayton, Ohio, I understand the fiscal responsibilities that accompany the windfall that tourism brings to the city, with an impact of \$1.5 billion.

What is the top issue facing the Planning Commission today? The public and deciphering the feeling from the facts. We received 300 comments over my six-year term on the Transportation Commission. The city Transportation Department and the Public Information Officer took every comment into consideration before proceeding. Each area of the city needs to be considered. A zoning change request is different in Old Town than it is for north Scottsdale. And the economic impacts of WestWorld and the airport are greater than other areas of Scottsdale. I will carefully weigh the topics put before the Planning Commission and make a conscious effort to filter the noise from the public. The Transportation and Planning Commissions are closely related what is planned for must be accommodated. It takes an astute person with a background in transportation to consider land use, zoning, and General Plan amendments. I am that person. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Any questions? I see none. Okay. Ms. Joyner, come on up.

[Time: 01:39:35]

Michal Joyner: Last but not least. Mayor Ortega, Vice Mayor Whitehead, and members of the Council. My name is Michal Joyner, my husband and I live at 11216 East Dale Lane. We have been there for 24 years and I'm a native Arizonan. I'm serving my fourth year on the Development Review Board, and I am currently the Vice Chair. My previous experience involves eight years serving on the Chandler Planning and Zoning Commission and I was the Chairman for four of those years. During the term that I was Chairman, Intel decided to come to Chandler. That was not a popular application when it came in, but my Commission, two Mayors, City Council, the citizens and the V.P.s at Intel, we successfully brought Intel to Chandler, and they have been a good neighbor. I also served for two years on the Development Review excuse me, on the I blanked out. Anyway. I recently completed the Citizens Advisory Water class and the Citizen Police Academy.

In addition, I attended the MAG Transportation Planning meeting two weeks ago. For the last two years, I have been actively involved, loudly involved, with the Legislature and the Senate in trying to encourage them to not put development restrictions on our cities. I do not believe that Lake Havasu and East Mesa should be telling Scottsdale what to build in Scottsdale. And I

believe I will continue to fight that battle because it seems to be ongoing. The challenges for zoning are not any different than they have been many times before. It's always been a matter of balancing the needs of the applicant, the citizens, the residents, and what's always going to be best for Scottsdale. I believe my previous voting record. I believe my service to the city, and I commit to continuing to doing that. My name is Michal Joyner and I'm asking for your appointment. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Thank you. Okay, with that, we are going to entertain the votes for the Planning Commission, the final Commission for the evening and I am going to start with myself. I am going to vote to reappoint Mr. Gonzales and vote for Ms. Iacovo. Councilmember Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilmember Graham.

Councilmember Graham: Mr. Gonzales and Ms. Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Caputi.

Councilwoman Caputi: Pamela Iacovo, Michal Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Councilwoman Janik.

Councilwoman Janik: Barney Gonzales and Michal Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Barney Gonzales and Michal Ann Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: And Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Barney Gonzales, Michal Ann Joyner.

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Okay. So, Ms. Joyner and Mr. Gonzales have been nominated. Thanks everyone for stepping up. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all of the nominees for their interest in serving on a city board or commission. We are fortunate to continue to receive qualified applicants for the positions on our Boards and Commissions. Even if you were not appointed today, your application will remain on file for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies. City staff will contact the individuals appointed this evening and provide them with information for the next steps regarding their appointment. And the City of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our city. So, with that, I turn it back over to Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Okay, I move we adjourn the Special Meeting. Second?

Vice Mayor Whitehead: Second.

Mayor Ortega: Please record your vote. We are adjourned. Now, we will begin our Regular Meeting in 10 minutes. So, we will take a short break. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 01:43:39]