



Approved May 25, 2022

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

**ONE CIVIC CENTER – COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOMS
7447 E INDIAN SCHOOL RD SUITE 105**

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

STAFF: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison
Brandon McMahon, Associate Planner

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.

Public Comment

No comments were submitted.

1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes February 23, 2022

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

COMMISSIONER LAMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MIRALDI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, MIRALDI, PUTMAN, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program: 2020/21 & 2021/22 Previous Projects Overview

Brandon McMahon, Associate Planner, noted that no public comments have been received. He provided an overview and update with photographs of Commission approved and funded programs:

- Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Funding: 82nd Street & Thomas Road Landscape Enhancement (April 2021, \$2,500)
- Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Funding: Neighborhood Park Landscape Enhancement (March 2021, \$15,000)
- Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal: Villa La Playa Landscape Enhancement (May 2021, \$4,000)
- Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal: Operation Fix-It Equipment Replacement (May 2021, \$2,600)
- Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Proposal: Neighborhood Parks Landscape Enhancement (September 2021, \$15,000, FY 21/22 Funds)

Commissioner Hewitt inquired as to who brings the project forward for approval and funding. Mr. McMahon stated that there is a web form for residents to apply for grants, which are brought to the Commission on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner James referenced the Villa La Playa Landscape enhancement and asked whether the homeowner completed the repairs to the deteriorated wall. Mr. McMahon confirmed this understanding. The grant provided painting after the repairs.

Commissioner James asked for clarification on how determinations are made for funding specific portions of a project. Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, stated that the deterioration is a result of water and leaching issues originating on the other side of the wall. There may be leaching from sprinklers or leaching on that side of the wall. These are ongoing issues that are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The best way to ensure proper use of Commission funding and scope is to ensure community buy-in and responsibility.

Vice Chair Budwig noted the significant dust issue with the Thomas project and asked whether there has been feedback of appreciation from the neighborhood. Mr. Yaron stated that this item had been elevated to the City Manager's Office. Since that time, there have been no formal complaints. He added that typically complaints are received more often than compliments. In April an art element will be added to an SRP irrigation standpipe on the south side of Thomas Road. This is a Scottsdale Arts project. Staff will provide an update to the Commission.

3. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program: Overview of Public Applications Received in the 2nd Quarter for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Mr. McMahon noted that no public comments were received for this item. During the past quarter, staff received one grant request for Casa Rica, located at the northeast corner of 110th Street and Shea Boulevard. The request is for three sign toppers within City right-of-way. For this request, City staff has been in

coordination with the Transportation Department in terms of funding and installation costs, estimated at \$125 per sign. The additional request is still being vetted. This includes enhancements to the perimeter wall on the section of 100th Street between Shea and Via Linda. This requires coordination of patchwork and refurbishment before this portion of the project can be brought to the Commission to consider funding for the painting. The resident also identified concerns with the southern portion of the development, which was not within the City's right-of-way. Staff has been in communication with residents and is moving forward on this aspect. As more details are gathered, this will be brought to the Commission for further discussion. In summary, the sole request for consideration at this time is the three sign toppers. Staff recommends funding in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock stated that it was her understanding that the HOA or Neighborhood Association funded the sign toppers. Mr. Yaron said that this is the first application of this kind for the Commission in terms of Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program funding. Other sign toppers throughout the community exist predominantly in historic neighborhoods. In terms of funding, the Streets Department requires that such signs be standardized. They would be supportive of providing sign toppers for communities that do not have HOAs or private streets.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock noted that this is not an HOA and asked whether the name requested for the signs is an actual area name or just someone's concept for the sign. Mr. Yaron stated that all neighborhoods throughout Scottsdale have a legal plat name for communities. Where there is a marketing name, the City will defer to that marketing name. Although there is no HOA for this neighborhood, there was historical monumentation by the developer, which called it Casa Rica, which is how the neighborhood commonly identifies itself. There is signage at the immediate northeast corner, which features the Casa Rica name.

Commissioner Putman suggested that funding the toppers may open the floodgates to similar requests. Mr. Yaron said staff would agree this is more of a luxury than a necessity. However, this was originated from a resident request and is part of three or four qualifying programs that the Commission was intended to support. Proliferation of requests is a potential issue, however, such requests are limited to qualifying streets as minor arterial or greater.

Vice Chair Budwig asked who would be responsible for maintenance or repair. Mr. Yaron stated that the City would not have responsibility for maintenance. However, should there be an event which resulted in a downed tree damaging a sign, a request could be made for repairs. Generally speaking, such items will not be actively policed by the Transportation Department.

Commissioner Miraldi commented that it is a nice feature to be able to identify individual City neighborhoods in such a way. Commissioner Schwartz-Manock agreed that it instills community pride.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ-MANOCK MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR CASA RICA SIGN TOPPERS NOT TO EXCEED \$500. CHAIR JAMES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (1) WITH

CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, MIRALDI, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH COMMISSIONER PUTMAN DISSENTING.

4. OPERATION FIX-IT AND NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION PROJECT

Mr. Yaron noted that no public comments were received on this item. The project involves a butterfly garden at Pima Neighborhood Park located at 86th Street and Thomas Road. This portion of the project is intended to assist the surrounding neighborhood, including the rebuilding of a water treatment station just east of Pima Park. This is an opportunity for participation from Commission members. Plans for the area include: Garden seating area, possible bollard or pedestrian scale lighting, six-foot stabilized path, small flower tree, path entryways into the garden. The project was designed by recently retired staff member, Bob Wood. Discussed ensued regarding potential participation dates and anticipated project activities. It was discussed that the participation date would replace a regular meeting date.

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION FIX-IT APRIL 16, 2022 IN LIEU OF THE APRIL COMMISSION MEETING. COMMISSIONER MIRALDI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0) WITH CHAIR JAMES, VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS PUTMAN, HEWITT, LAMB, MIRALDI, AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were requested for future meetings:

- Affordable housing after the outcome of the current housing affordability study
- Neighborhood Block Watch program
- Keep Scottsdale Beautiful project presentation

6. Staff Updates

Mr. Yaron thanked Commissioners Lamb and Hewitt for attending the March 1st City Council meeting, which recognized the Spirit of Scottsdale Award winners.

The next meeting will occur on May 25th.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Miraldi and seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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