



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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

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

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

STAFF: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison
Christy Hill, Citizen Liaison
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager
Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison

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 May 25, 2022

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

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2022, MEETING AS PRESENTED. 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.

2. Scottsdale 2022 Transportation Action Plan (TAP)

Mr. Yaron noted that no public comments have been received.

Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the TAP, a document that supports the General Plan. It serves as a replacement for the 2016 Transportation Master Plan. The focus is a ten-year refinement of the existing transportation system.

Development of the TAP was guided by the following factors:

- Continued viability and functionality of existing infrastructure is the highest priority.
- Travel demand on most corridors has not grown significantly over the past 20 years, even with continued development and redevelopment.
- Most major roadway improvements that have been planned for decades will be completed by the mid-2020's, resulting in 95 percent of planned travel lane miles being available for use.
- Events of 2020-21 have accelerated public use of, and demand for, improved non-motorized travel options.
- Technology change is likely to further reduce congestion issues.
- Land use patterns are very well defined and affect the need and/or capacity requirements for various forms of transportation infrastructure and services.

The community outreach process was outlined. Residents overall suggested that the City invest approximately 30 percent of its transportation fund towards traffic congestion relief. The other 70 percent were identified for other specific improvements. Staff believes the City should complete the system via options that do not require travel by car.

Elements for the program include: Street, bikeway, trail and pedestrian. Interactive maps were available online for closer examination of each of the elements. Specific recommendations for each element were reviewed.

Commissioner Putman inquired as to the time frame for the trolley expansion on lower Scottsdale Road into Tempe. Mr. Meinhart said he was uncertain whether that extension would come before up north to McDowell Mountain, as the southern portion of the City does have very good bus service on Scottsdale Road. A Tempe extension is not likely to occur within the next five years.

In response to a question from Schwartz-Manock, Mr. Meinhart stated that there is potential for a connection branching off from the Indian Bend Wash toward McCormick Parkway where the bridge goes under Scottsdale Road.

In response to a question from Commissioner Schwartz-Manock, Mr. Meinhart stated that the grant for path improvements will be effective in Fiscal Year 2025 for approximately \$3 million.

Commissioner Lamb asked for clarification that the potential for light rail would only be from the boundaries of the City to connect to another town. Mr. Meinhart stated that the TAP must support the General Plan. The General Plan, which was voted on by the citizens, specifically excluded light rail in Scottsdale. The question then becomes if light rail comes close to the City, how can it be made accessible to Scottsdale residents?

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock inquired as to what Scottsdale can expect from the upcoming extension of regional sales tax. Mr. Meinhart stated that the most significant aspect would be the continued funding of transit routes in the regional system. The Prop 400 extension in the past has provided Scottsdale with \$15 million per year.

Chair James cited the enhanced crossing at Shea and 128th Street, which was been constructed five years ago, but remains closed. He asked for an update. Mr. Meinhart clarified that the location is a little east of 124th Street. The project received funding from the regional program as well as a grant to address pedestrian needs for crossing. Unfortunately, the contractor did not properly build the retaining wall on the north side. The City was in negotiations and legal proceedings for quite some time. A settlement was finally reached and the City currently has a designer working on the project. Hopefully the site will be repaired and open sometime next year.

3. 2022 Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Program

Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison, stated that no public comments have been received. He provided a brief background of the program. The discussion today includes review of the program parameters and potential to continue recognizing just one individual and one business or organization from the community. Staff will utilize web, social, and print media to notify Scottsdale citizens about the program and the nomination process. If the Commission approves the 2022 program parameters and timeline, the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards Program online submission form would be available from June 23, 2022 through the end of the calendar year. Nomination submissions will be presented to the Commissioner in January 2023 for review. Winners will be presented to City Council in the Spring of 2023.

Chair James commented that it would be helpful for the application to address the specification parameters for each of the two categories.

Commissioner Lamb commented that there are still a significant number of people who are unaware of the program. Mr. Reynolds stated that staff will be working with the Office of Communications to publicize the program through a number of avenues, including social media and within the water bill.

COMMISSIONER HEWITT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 SPIRIT OF SCOTTSDALE AWARDS PROGRAM PARAMETERS AND TIMELINE. COMMISSIONER LAMB 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.

4. NAC Meeting Dates in July and August 2022

Commissioners discussed the upcoming summer schedule and the potential to forgo the July and August, 2022 meetings.

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO SCHEDULE A JULY AND AUGUST 2022 BREAK. 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:

- Art installation at Frank Lloyd Wright and Greenway Hayden Loop

6. Staff Updates

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Commissioner Miraldi and seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

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