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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:06]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon. I would like to call to order the November 19th, 2013, the City Council special meeting. We will start with a roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:13]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Virginia Korte.

Vice Mayor Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilmember Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Bob Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven. Absent. Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Dennis Robbins.

Councilman Robbins: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Manager Fritz Behring.

Fritz Behring: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Auditor Sharron Walker.

Sharron Walker: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the City Clerk is present.

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

[Time: 00:00:53]

Mayor Lane: Thank you. So only one order of business for this Special Meeting and that is for the Boards and Commission interviews and appointments and for that purpose, I will turn the meeting over to the Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor Korte.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mayor. This afternoon, the City Council is interviewing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on six citizen advisory boards. I want to thank each of these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time in service for our community. Your time is very much appreciated. So thank you. Following each set of interviews, we will vote on the appointments for that particular commission. As I call your name, please come to the podium. We ask that you briefly cover the following information, or material, your name, address and how long you have lived in Scottsdale. Why do you want to serve on this particular Board or Commission. How do your experiences, whether they be educational, professional or volunteer qualify you to serve on the commission. And finally, what do you think is the top issue facing this particular commission. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less. We do have a timer and you can keep track of that over here from that podium. And following each nominee's response, I will ask Councilmembers if they have any questions. So first

commission, there is Human Services Commission, there's one vacancy, and two nominees. The nominees are Harold Roth and Dustin Thomas. Mr. Roth, would you please come to the podium?

[Time: 00:02:44]

Harold Roth: First of all, thank you for inviting me to come for the interview. My name is Harold Roth. I live at 9449 East Desert Village Drive in north Scottsdale and I've lived in Scottsdale for four years. I am retired and have been retired for the four years that I have lived here and two of the assets that I have, one is time and the other is knowledge. And those are the things that I'm looking to offer to the Human Services Board. My background, I was employed in the public sector for my whole career and one of the things I would like to do is give back to the community and in this case Scottsdale. Services that I can do as a volunteer that I used to do for a paycheck for 35 years. My employment history is I was the Planning and Community Development Director for a city in upstate New York for 26 years and then retired from that and then became the Community Development Director and Planning Director for a city in southern California and retired from that. My history goes back in terms of Community Development Block Grant funds to 1974, when I first applied for the funds for the community back east and was successful. That followed applying for Section 8 funds and found out you shouldn't be volunteering for things, very big programs that start out very small and then HOME and other federal programs. So I think I have the knowledge and the working knowledge of administering those programs, as I said, for 35 years, to offer to the City of Scottsdale in terms of that expertise. In terms of the top problems facing the city, I think the biggest one, at least in terms of the human services commission is the declining public funds, both city funds that can be put towards the programs and especially federal funds, that the pot is getting smaller. And the biggest thing that needs to be done is the funds that are used need to be used widely to get the biggest bang for the buck, making sure the funds are used as promptly as possible so they don't get sequestered and taken away from the city. And also making sure that the end result is exactly what the City Council and the board looks at the end of the funds, a set of clear objectives of the use of the funds. And we measure those objectives that they are being done in a prompt way and then either change it, if it's not being done or continue the funding to make sure that the programs are resolved.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Roth. Any questions from the Council? Thank you.

Harold Roth: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Dustin Thomas.

[Time: 00:05:55]

Dustin Thomas: Good evening, Mayor and members of commission. My name is Dustin Thomas. I live at 3039 North 83rd Place in south Scottsdale. I have been on the Human Services Commission for the past three years and it's been a very rewarding experience for me. I think it's one of the few boards and commissions that the city has where we get to have an impact on people's lives that is noticeable and appreciated by many of them. That's why I would put myself up as being willing to serve again if you would have me. I have lived in Scottsdale for about four years. I consider it my home now. It's a

community that I didn't expect to find but I think it's a great community because of the way the city is run and the way that we live and play in this town. I am a director of finance with Scottsdale Healthcare. So I live and work in the city. I have spent my career kind of living on the edge of providing access to care and services, and managing the cost and the quality that goes with it. I think that's an important part of the work that this commission does. I also have a Master's degree in business administration and healthcare administration from the University of Utah and have served on boards in Salt Lake City before I relocated down here. Issues facing the commission, I agree with Mr. Roth, we are running into situations where the funding is dwindling and the need is growing. It's very difficult to balance that sometimes. And, you know, we sold a building a couple of years ago and that helped to balance it for the short term, but this commission has a real responsibility of helping to assure that the agencies that we work with are able to provide on a long-term basis that they are becoming self-sustaining by working with the partners in the community and the other businesses to make sure they are not so reliant on government funding, that they can't operate. And so for me, that's one of the unique things I think I bring to the board. I am one of the few people on the commission that's not retired. I'm still a young, working professional. I consider myself young and working. And it's important to me that we look at the sustainability of these programs and how to balance what continues going forward. So that's the biggest one I think that's facing us. There's a variety ahead and we are about to start the funding cycle again and we'll see how it goes. With that said, I will open it up to questions for any of you.

[Time: 00:08:16]

Vice Mayor Korte: Any questions from the Council? Thank you, Mr. Thomas.

Dustin Thomas: You bet.

Vice Mayor Korte: So as Rachel approaches the podium, there is one vacancy. So each Councilmember can vote once. And I will start with Councilman Robbins.

Councilman Robbins: Thank you, Vice Mayor. I will vote for Dustin Thomas.

Councilwoman Klapp: Dustin Thomas.

Mayor Lane: vote to reappoint Dustin Thomas.

Councilman Littlefield: Thomas.

Vice Mayor Korte: reappoint Mr. Thomas.

Councilmember Phillips: Roth.

Vice Mayor Korte: 5-1 vote. Mr. Thomas, congratulations on your second term. And thank you, Mr. Roth. Our next appointment is the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. There's one opening, one vacancy and one nominee. That nominee is Kenneth Weingarten. Mr. Weingarten is not with us this

evening, but asked that we consider him for reappointment. And so each Councilmember may vote one time. Councilmember Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Kenneth Weingarten.

Mayor Lane: Kenneth Weingarten.

Councilman Littlefield: Weingarten.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Weingarten.

Councilmember Phillips: Weingarten.

Councilman Robbins: Weingarten.

Vice Mayor Korte: and we have appointed Mr. Weingarten. Thank you, Rachel. Next board, we have the Library Board, there is one vacancy, and two nominees for Library Board. We have Christine Naiman and Douglas Sydnor. Christine. Is Christine in the audience? Would you like to come to the podium? Thank you.

[Time: 00:10:24]

Christine Naiman: Hello and good afternoon, City Councilmembers. My name is Christine Naiman. I currently reside at 8216 East Heatherbrae in Scottsdale. I was born and raised in Scottsdale, Arizona and I have lived in the city for 26 years. Why do I want to serve on this Library Board? Well, I would be greatly honored to serve on the Library Board for many reasons. I think I could be an excellent contributor to the team in developing goals and strategies for the future. I have a strong passion for the Scottsdale community and its libraries. I got my first hands on experience working for the civic center library when I was in high school and that allowed me to work with staff members in organizing bookcases, display cases, magazines, gift shop areas, and it allowed me to understand how libraries function programmatically and spatially, which are very, very important and if elected as a member of the Library Board, I would be very interested in enhancing our program infrastructure. And focusing on the youth and the students and the people who use our facilities. How do my experiences qualify me to serve me on the board? I have a Master's degree of architecture from Arizona State University. I came into the university as a member of the National Honors Society and with a full ride scholarship. At the time, as a student, I was very happy to serve as an academic advisor for new students who came in each year and I was, my role would help them succeed successfully in their studies. So I can bring those past experiences and knowledge to the Library Board and really help develop for the future systems and the programs and the facilities that we need to make. I also have, after graduating from Arizona State University, I currently work for an urban and architecture planning firm in Chandler, Arizona, and the experiences there have taught me how to react and work with a variety of a group of different professionals, whether it's city attorneys, staff, planning and zoning commission members, City Councilmembers, engineers, working together to really resolve issues and moving projects and programs forward, which is something that I think I could definitely bring to the Library Board and to

the future of the team and of what we will be creating.

I think one of the top issues facing the board and the commission is probably the public demand on technology. I think technology has really changed the way people use and create different ways of infrastructure through technology and I think that one of the ways to resolve the issues would be to make sure our programs and our facilities are kept fresh, always reevaluate our current equipment and our current software and to update as best as we can to hold capacity of our future technological programs.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Naiman. Any questions? Thank you.

Christine Naiman: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Douglas Sydnor.

[Time: 00:13:57]

Douglas Sydnor: Good afternoon, Mayor Lane and City Councilmembers. My name is Doug Sydnor, I reside at 7468 North Willow Rain Court in Scottsdale. I lived in Scottsdale approximately 36 years. In regards to why I would like to serve on the Library Board, I would like to finish the work that we have already started. I would like to address the Scottsdale room program and the facilities reconsolidation. As you know, the Eureka project moved out quickly so we could respond to that particular program. It's now decentralized throughout the library. We need to kind of bring it back together. I would like to also support the discovery zone remodel project. I would like to personally engage in the Eureka project, encourage additional business-related partnerships with the library system and lastly, continuing our ongoing commitment to supporting literacy for our youth and adults throughout our community. In regards to experience, I just served the last three years on the Library Board. I did serve as the 2012 chairman. I also served on the friends of the Scottsdale Public Library Boards of Directors as almost two years and also as its president. As an architect, I designed about 25 libraries. We have the Barry and Peggy Goldwater libraries. I happened to author three books on the architectural heritage in the Scottsdale area and I served on the past on the Scottsdale Development Review Board and the founding chairman, as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission. The top issue, in my mind is improving the quality and the selections within the library collections. The past budget challenges have noticeably impacted the quantity and the nature of such selection. I hope we encourage additional funding through various grants and improved city budgets. So with that, I thank you for your consideration and hopefully I will be reappointed to the Library Board. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you Mr. Sydnor. Are there any questions? There's one vacancy and I would like to start with Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, I would vote to, excuse me, reappoint Doug Sydnor.

Councilman Littlefield: Sydnor.

Vice Mayor Korte: Reappoint Mr. Sydnor.

Councilmember Phillips: Sydnor.

Councilman Robbins: Doug Sydnor.

Councilwoman Klapp: Doug Sydnor.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you. Unanimous 6-0. Congratulations Mr. Sydnor. Thank you for applying Ms. Naiman. With that, we move to Neighborhood Advisory Commission. Rachel.

Aide to the Mayor Rachel Smetana: Vice Mayor, there are no longer any viable applicants for the Neighborhood Advisory Commission and so the staff would like to bring this vacancy forward at another time.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you. Parks and Recreation Commission. There are two openings, two vacancies and four nominees. Those nominees are Michael Bouscher, William Follette, Sherry Woodley and Anne Wurth. I would like to call Mr. Bouscher up to the podium. And I hope I'm pronouncing that correctly.

[Time: 00:17:48]

Michael Bouscher: Good afternoon, Mayor and Vice Mayor and Councilmembers. Thank you for inviting me to speak before you today. My name is Michael Bouscher and I live at 5877 North Granite Reef, Scottsdale, 85250. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for about five years now. The reason I'm interested in serving on this board or commission, I'm looking for a way to get more involved in the community. I was looking at the opportunities that were out there. One of the things I utilize a lot are the Parks and Recreation systems that Scottsdale offer. I wanted to give back to something that I thoroughly enjoy and where my passion lies and also where my professional experience. In 2008, I moved here and took a job with major league baseball in the commissioner's office, for the Arizona Fall League out here. I did that for three seasons and then I moved over to Salt River Field at Talking Stick which is the spring training home for the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies and currently serve the Arizona Diamondbacks as the Senior Manager as Salt River Fields Operations. I have a lot of experience overseeing the baseball fields, the upkeep, the maintenance that goes into that, a lot of projects that they also overtake with that. I have a good background in that. I have done many things with budgets. I have overseen them in a leadership capacity several departments. Probably the top issue facing the Parks and Recreation department is the funding issues that you are looking at. I know recently this was a ballot initiative defeated for the sales of bonds that would go to library and park services. So you are looking at a way to work within the existing budget that the you have and find a way to keep the excellent services that the Parks department currently have and find ways to improve on that without any additional expenditures. If you have any questions, I would be happy to entertain them.

Vice Mayor Korte: any questions of Mr. Bouscher? Thank you.

Michael Bouscher: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Korte: Mr. Follette.

William Follette: Good afternoon, Mayor, Councilmembers. My name is William T. Follette. I was born and raised Scottsdale Arizona. I currently reside at 8340 East Monte Vista, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85257. Being born and raised here, I got to experience the Parks and Rec at an early age and continue to use them to this day, from the swim team at chaparral pool, and the ball fields, the ball fields and the soccer fields. Part of that is, sorry, I got flustered there. My work experience is I started at age 15 working for the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation department. I also have over ten years with the City of Phoenix and City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation. After that, I went into the field of firefighting, which I'm now currently retired as a City of Mesa firefighter paramedic. So I have plenty of time on my hands to pursue my passions of Parks and Recreation. One of the things that I see facing all boards and commissions, including all issues that come in front of City Council are our budget realities. It's like the other member just said, the bond votes, unfortunately, did not pass, and we are very restricted in the monies, be it grants, federal grants that are out there. And they are being more and more competitive to accomplish those. I feel that with some creative thinking, thought processes, reprioritizing what issues the facilities, certain facilities we know in the city's Parks and Rec are deteriorating at a rapid pace and see which ones to do the funding for, which it be the lands, or the actual infrastructure itself. With that, like I said, I have many years' experience in Parks and Rec as an employee and also as a participant. I feel with my experience, both Parks and Rec, the city fire, and being a resident my entire life, I feel I would be a great asset to this board. Thank you.

[Time: 00:22:34]

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Mr. Follette. Are there any questions? Thank you.

William Follette: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Korte: Sherry Woodley.

Sherry Woodley: Good afternoon, Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor, I live on East Monterey Way. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 36 years. Why do I want to serve on this board or commission? I used to work for the City of Mesa Parks and Recreation department for five years and I loved that job. I managed a wide variety of programs including registration, park rangers, community youth groups, the facilities. I absolutely loved my job but the budget realities of 2009 took a toll and I was laid off. So I my current job at A.S.U. does not require me to do anything with Parks and Recreation and I have been looking for a way to get back into the field. What started out as a job became a passion and I truly loved what I did and I really value Parks and Recreation and I really feel they are essential services in our city. My experience and my education, I have a master's degree in public administration, and I have 20 years of municipal government experience, five years of that was in Parks and Recreation. I have experience in working with staff and with Council. I also have experience in developing master plans and other planning documents, implementing them and also tracking and managing them,

working with city and neighborhood groups to update them, and to ensure that we are on track, reassessing, doing budget adjustments when necessary and trying to get processes moving forward with limited funding. And that leads me, of course, into the same song that we are all singing, and that's funding challenges. Having lived through budget cuts, I understand the reality of them. While I was at Mesa parks, I lived through a 20% cut one year and had to adjust to that, with little or no reduction in service. The cut that took me was 30% of our department. So it was really, really dramatic. In order to address that, I would like to look not only at the best use of funds that there are on the books but also to consider possible alternate sources of funding. There are ways to do it. You have to be very sensitive, of course, keep the city's image in mind at all times but certainly be open to opportunities like that. And also to consider future bond funding and explain that to citizens and what they are going to get for it. I really felt that I wasn't getting a very clear picture of what this year's bonding was going to do. I supported it anyway because I really believe in Parks and Recreation. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you, Ms. Wurth. Any questions? Thank you. Excuse me, that was Ms. Woodley. Finally, we have Anne Wurth.

[Time: 00:25:38]

Anne Wurth: Good afternoon, Mayor and members of the Council. I'm Anne Wurth at live at 10410 North 77th Street in north Scottsdale, 85258, and most recently I have been a resident in Scottsdale for three and a half years but collectively it's been about eight. Why would I like to serve? I want to continue serving on Parks and Recreation Commission because as many others have said before me, I really like Scottsdale and appreciate the opportunity to give back. I'm very concerned about its future. I'm very grateful to live here and I think parks and the associated programs that go along with it are really part of the back bone of what makes Scottsdale so great and I appreciate the opportunity to have served and would be very grateful to continue doing so. I also enjoy serving. I like being around the other commissioners who have that energy and passion for Scottsdale and are concerned about its future as I am. I also like working with staff. The Parks and Recreation staff is so professional and efficient and they are just a joy to work with. As far as my experiences, well, I think first and foremost would be the time I have spent thus far on the commission. There's definitely a learning curve. Even though I was familiar myself with other municipalities and how they worked and other departments, I think there's definitely a big learning curve as far as gaining the knowledge about Scottsdale's Parks and Recreation department and having gathered that knowledge, and I don't know all of it but it provides a really good framework with which to approach the issues and the concerns that come before us. Other experience, before I had children, I was a lawyer and I think just having that legal training and that background makes you more objective and careful listener. I'm not one who talks just to hear myself talked. If something comes up that needs addressing or I have a question, I will definitely speak up. Finally, I think being a stay-at-home mom with small children is helpful. We are all concerned about the users of park but I think bringing that perspective to the commission, having a broad, diverse range of users on the commission just makes it stronger. Finally, what I do think is the top issue, it's no surprise, I think it's the economy. That's what I said three years ago when I was before this body and I still do today. As a commissioner, I think that just about every issue and that comes before us is in some way whether overtly or more discreetly affected by the economy. Now, you know

we are an advisory board and we can't make sweeping decisions and get rid of personnel or combine departments and things and we shouldn't, but I think what we can do is serve as a reasonable sounding board for staff when they come forward and also help brainstorm creative solutions and ideas. I think it's tempting to have a knee jerk action and want to monetize anything. I think slow and steady is my approach and that's the approach the city has adopted so far.

Vice Mayor Korte: Thank you Ms. Wurth. Any questions? There are two vacancies so each Councilmember can vote twice. And I would like to start with Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Bouscher and Wurth.

Vice Mayor Korte: Follette and Wurth.

Councilmember Phillips: Bouscher and Wurth.

Councilman Robbins: I would like to vote for Follette and Wurth.

Councilwoman Klapp: Bouscher and Wurth.

[Time: 00:29:33]

Mayor Lane: I would like to vote to reappoint Anne Wurth and appoint Michael Bouscher.

Vice Mayor Korte: So we have reappointed Anne Wurth and appointed Michael Bouscher. Thank you. Moving on to the Trails Subcommittee. There are two vacancies but only one nominee. Linda Whitehead is the nominee, and unable to attend the interview, but wishes to be considered for reappointment. So I would call for the vote. And I will start. Linda Whitehead.

Councilmember Phillips: Linda Whitehead.

Councilman Robbins: Linda Whitehead.

Councilwoman Klapp: Linda Whitehead.

Mayor Lane: Linda Whitehead.

Councilman Littlefield: Yes, Linda Whitehead.

Vice Mayor Korte: Yes, that's unanimous. Congratulations Linda, wherever you are. Thank you and that concludes our interview and appointment process this afternoon. Thank you to everyone that interviewed today and please try again. We value your input and your engagement and so please try again if you didn't make it today. So at this point, I would like to turn the meeting back to Mayor Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 00:31:10]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor and that does complete the actions for the special meeting. So I will call for a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Councilman Littlefield: I move we adjourn.

Councilwoman Klapp: Second.

Mayor Lane: A motion made and seconded. All those in favor, indicate by saying aye. Our regular meeting will be called to order at 5:00.