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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Ortega: I call the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, city council special meeting to order. City clerk Ben Lane, please conduct the roll call.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:10]

City Clerk Lane: Thank you, mayor. Mayor David Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Present.

Clerk Ben Lane: Vice Mayor Tammy Caputi.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Councilmembers Tom Durham.

Councilmember Durham: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Betty Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Linda Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: Solange Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Manager Jim Thompson.

Jim Thompson: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Attorney Sherry Scott.

Sherry Scott: Here.

Clerk Ben Lane: City Treasurer Sonia Andrews.

Sonia Andrews: Here.

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

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. The sole purpose of this special meeting is to look at our boards, commissions, and task forces. Specifically, we will do some interviews and appointments. I will now turn the meeting over to Vice Mayor Caputi, for the boards, commissions and task force interviews and appointments.

#### **BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

[Time: 00:00:40]

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, mayor. 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 are a valuable tool in helping Councilmembers in 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'll vote on an appointment for the board or commission.

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. What is the top issue facing this board or commission? 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'll ask Councilmembers if they have any follow-up questions for you.

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

[Time: 00:02:28]

Vice Mayor Caputi: So we will first hear about the board of adjustment in which there's one opening. One vacancy, we have two nominees, and the nominees are: Julian Anderson. Daniel Ishac. Mr. Ishac will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. So, Mr. Anderson, if you would like to approach the podium.

Julian Anderson: Madam Vice Mayor, members of council, my name is Julian Anderson. I live at 8210 east Del Claro drive in the city of Scottsdale. I have been a member of Scottsdale for 25 years. I have worked in construction for 45 years. My degree is related to construction in a particular aspect of property development.

I'm an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, which I rank as being important because it gives me training in listening to different parties and understanding complex issues and coming down with sound decisions to help parties resolve matters either in dispute or contention.

The board of adjustment has the power to hear and decide on appeals from administrative decisions and variances. That's it. It's not a planning commission. It doesn't get to change the town plan. All it does is help small matters of adjustment to zoning issues. I understand that fully.

I read through the minutes of the board, and have a decent understanding of the types of matters that come before it. I would like to serve on the board. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Do any councilmembers have questions for Mr. Anderson? Okay. Seeing none, thank you. I think we are going to hear from Mr. Ishac electronically. I don't know how that gets cued up.

Daniel Ishac: Hello, this is Daniel Ishac. I apologize for not being in person. As I mentioned in my email to you, it's our first noncancelled cruise after COVID. My name is Daniel Ishac, I live on Onyx Court. I lived in Scottsdale full-time for five years but have been -- had a home here for over ten years.

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My experience I think is really based on my interest, my abilities and my time. I have a lot of interest in this area. I had -- as president of my HOA, I spear headed the development of rules and regulations, as well as architectural guidelines to make sure our community maintains its character while still allowing for personal taste, but also to make sure that residences conform to the appropriate behaviors in the neighborhood.

I'm in the process of doing the same thing at my new H.O.A. As far as my ability, and my background was three years as a consultation with Willis Towers Watson and my work includes understanding hundreds of pages of statutes and IRS opinions as applied to pension and benefit plans.

And I have also got the highest credential from the side of actuary and I'm a government certified as pension actuary. I graduated from Carnegie Mellon, which includes business acumen and I think that works well, if you understand hundreds of pages and your intent and how to apply them and make an adjustment for that. My time at work took 60 to 70 hours. I am now retired.

So I have got plenty of time to commit to this. And the top issue is to ensure that any deviations, balance the desires of the petitioner, the petitioner with the needs of the community, and that's residents, businesses and visitors and we have to understand the rules of the current and expected needs of the city, including how to retain its area and then consistent application of these deviations is important to ensure credibility of community.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Do any councilmembers have questions for Mr. Ishac. Is it Ishac or Isaac?

Daniel Ishac: We actually go by Ishac.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. I don't want to mispronounce it the next ten times. I will now entertain a vote. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee. I will start with myself, and we'll just go chronologically here. I vote for Daniel Ishac, please.

Councilmember Whitehead: Daniel Ishac.

Councilmember Milhaven: Daniel Ishac.

Mayor Ortega: Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Littlefield: Julian Anderson.

Councilmember Janik: Daniel Ishac.

Councilmember Durham: Julian Anderson.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Is that Mr. Ishac. So Mr. Ishac has been appointed.

**CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

[Time: 00:07:51]

Moving to the citizens bond oversight committee. There is one vacancy and one Nominee. The nominee is: Janice Eng. Ms. Eng, will you approach the podium.

Janice Eng: That was quick. Good afternoon. Just a pleasure to be here. I'm so excited to be back in city hall. My name is Janice Eng. Let's see, I live at 13051 north 145<sup>th</sup> way in Scottsdale, and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 12 or 13 years now. My most recent experience is I just termed out after spending six years on the human services commission, which was near and dear to my heart.

I will make this very short and sweet. I thought it was a good transition going over to the citizen oversight bond committee, being that I have got a strong financial background. But I would like to thank each and every one of you for your consideration for me to continue serving the people in Scottsdale and the city council. Thank you very much. Good to see everybody.

Mayor Ortega: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Eng? Seeing none, I will entertain a vote for the citizens bond oversight committee. Council woman Whitehead, you can kick it ox.

Councilmember Whitehead: Janice Eng.

Councilmember Milhaven: Janice Eng.

Mayor Ortega: Janice Eng.

Councilmember Janik: Janice Eng.

Councilmember Littlefield: Janice Eng.

Councilmember Durham: Janice Eng.

Vice Mayor Caputi: And Janice Eng.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:09:29]

Vice Mayor Caputi: We have the environmental advisory commission. There are special qualifications. As specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the membership of the board shall reflect both scientific and non-scientific interests. Heather Abrahimi, Suzette Gibson, Donna Hartz, and Victoria Kauzlarich have withdrawn their applications from consideration. There are two vacancies and five nominees. The nominees are: Ute Brady. Larry Marchman. Who will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. Jordan Miller. Alisa McMahon. Andrew Scheck. If we could have Ute Brady approach the podium.

Ute Brady: I hope everybody can hear me. Honor mayor, Vice Mayor, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Ute Brady, live at 8207 east jack rabbit road and I have been a Scottsdale resident for 26 years. I have a Ph.D. in environmental social science from Arizona State University. I study policy design and collective action, specifically I look at the connection between formal environmental policies, and how they are perceived and implemented, and how those connections may affect environmental and social outcomes.

I have been involved in studies that assess the effect of policy design on sustainable urban water governance, coastal climate change and coastal conservation policies. As a Scottsdale resident, I would be honored to give back to any community in sharing my knowledge and expertise to help Scottsdale be better equipped to face the climate challenges before us. Because drought and heat will be exacerbated over the upcoming decades and we need to be prepared.

Now, of course, Scottsdale is already addressing many important environmental issues, as evidenced in the new general plan. And many of those such as water, energy, and conservation and improving urban biodiversity and resilience. I was very much value contributing to these efforts by working collectively with the environmental advisory commission towards a more sustainable future for my city.

And I truly believe that Scottsdale can be a model for resilient and adaptive desert city and I would be honored to be a part of that mission. Thank you for that time.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Brady? Do we go to the electronic or do we -- okay. Next we'll hear from Larry Marchman, who will be participating electronically.

Larry Marchman: Good evening. Can everyone hear me?

Vice Mayor Caputi: Yes.

Larry Marchman: Okay. Excellent. Well, thank you for the opportunity to put my name in for the environmental advisory commission, my name is Larry Marchman, and I live at 16807 north 106 way, 85255, and I have been a resident here since 2004.

My experience and background that is relevant is going back to 2008 I have been involved in the renewable energy, project development field. I have developed over 100 mega Watts of commercial solar and battery storage projects.

Many of my projects were done with municipalities and school districts, including the city of Scottsdale, Scottsdale unified school district, city of Tempe, city of Mesa, city of Chandler and many others.

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The top issue, I think, facing this commission is how to help the city achieve 100% clean energy goals, and I believe that there's multiple ways that that can happen. By increasing the use of distributed generation, battery storage and other technologies can be looked at and appropriate.

Maybe looking at microgrid technology for some of the critical infrastructure like the water treatment facility, and finally, I think the city should have the autonomy to negotiate with independent power producers to negotiate contracts for clean energy and that are more economical.

And so it's a challenge, but it's also an opportunity for the city. And thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, Mr. Marchman. Does anyone have any questions? Next, we'll hear from Alisa McMahan.

Alisa McMahan: Good afternoon. I'm Dr. Alisa McMahan. I resided at 7454 east Camino Rayo de luz for 15 years. I'm passionate about the environment. I'm interested in the biosciences, but beyond that, it informed my approach. I research, analyze and synthesize, and what I believe will work for Scottsdale.

In 2014, I wrote a sentence that really sums up my philosophy. It read, economic growth, environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, are interrelated and mutually achievable goals. I truly believe that. The 2014 general plan task force put that sentence into the environment chapters' introduction and I'm proud to say it remains there today in our newly ratified general plan.

I was previously a member and chair of Scottsdale's environmental quality board known as EQAB, it includes along with other revised and updated the residential check list, co-drafted, EQAB drought management advisory, revived and updated idling gets you nowhere, EQAB's public awareness campaign, and drafted the memorandum to quality that led to the creation of the solid waste strategic plan and collaborated with Dan Worth on drafting that plan.

We face several environmental challenges but the top issues for seek, will be the onboarding of the first sustainability director and participation in the development of Scottsdale's first sustainability plan. That plan will give us the vision, goals, metrics and strategies to tackle our environmental challenges now and into the future. And I very much want to be a part of developing that plan.

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I have other goals as well. I will quickly mention just two, assisting with adoption of and amendments to the 2021 building codes and greater implementation of the solid waste strategic plan. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Questions for Ms. McMahon? Thank you.

Alisa McMahon: I just realized I left my mask on.

Vice Mayor Caputi: It sounded great. Jordan Miller is next. Thank you.

Jordan Miller: Good afternoon, honorable mayor, vice mayor, members of the council. My name is Jordan Miller. I live at 8215 East Wilshire Drive and I have lived this for 19 years. Currently, I'm an economics major at ASU, but I have interned at BSB Designs and I have background in researching innovative and green types of building projects, along with that I also served on the Scottsdale mayor's youth council.

So I have a real care and appreciation for what this city can do and how we can keep our parks clean and so forth. As far as what my top issue is, I bike pretty regularly down through the green belt, and something that I have been considering recently is the air condition that I have to look at before I go out for a ride.

And so if I was appointed, one the number one things is to make sure that we can clear smog and consider that air conditions are good so that my kids, when I have them will be able to go through the green belt, just like I'm enjoying it today. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, Mr. Miller. And last, we have Andrew Scheck.

Andrew Scheck: Hello, everybody. It's a pleasure being here. It's nice to be nominated again this year. There's a lot of great candidates and I have been listening to their background and some incredible education behind it. With a lot of great ideas. I should start I live at 1845 north Pima



road. I have been there for seven years. Previous to that, I lived in New York City.

Throughout, I -- I would say throughout my career and it's different into I.T. through the last 20 years, but I have been involved many environmental projects, programs, through leading sponsorships, through cleanups, organizing beach cleanups, street cleanups, parkway cleanups, highway, anything I can do inside my company. My last corporation got rid of all paper plates and all Styrofoam and moved to recycled paper. I have made a lifestyle out of it. I just don't, as they say, speak it. I live it.

[Time: 00:19:25]

I'm a plant-based in my eating habits for the most part. I do believe that animal -- animal ingestion, I believe that it's incorporated an increased environmental issues that we have had here. I have heard a lot of suggestions when it comes to energy, when it comes to idea, about where we can go but I kind of feel that there's a certain point that we are missing, when it comes to Scottsdale. I think -- I'm also part of COGS and been very involved with them lately.

I think with the buildings and the increase in apartment buildings and residential complexes that are coming up in Scottsdale, with the numbers that will be happening, I see a lot of -- I would say most of them don't have any green initiatives.

I see that there's a lack of windows, a lack of solar power, and there is a lack of any of these new developments and new buildings that bring anything that would reduce what we see. I live at my first apartment, was at the live across Scottsdale corridor, beautiful apartment, but it basically had in windows. My electric bill was sky high and the current place I live now has multitude amount of light and it's very simple. It was just increase windows and terrific architecture and use of the almost 300 days a year of sun we have in Scottsdale.

I think we have more of an opportunity when we come to the residential idea. These people have fantastic backgrounds and I see things that we can do now that we're just not doing in place with the increase -- the buildings that we increase significantly and exponentially that are coming in the coming years, that we're not addressing, that we should. And I think that is a bigger issue of it.

I do agree that I'm very happy we are getting a director of sustainability. I think it -- a person will be to basically have more influence in the direction that we head. So I believe those are the two issues we have.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, Mr. Scheck. Does anyone have any questions? Okay. Then I will now entertain a vote for the environmental advisory commission. Each councilmember can vote for two nominees. We will start with Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Brady and Ms. McMahon.

Mayor Ortega: Ms. Brady, and Jordan Miller.

Councilmember Littlefield: Dr. Alisa McMahon and Andrew Scheck.

Councilmember Janik: Dr. Alisa McMahon and Andrew Scheck.

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Brady, and Mr. Scheck.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Myself, Ms. McMahon and Jordan Miller.

Councilmember Whitehead: Let's see, Brady -- Ute Brady, and Mr. Scheck.

Vice Mayor Caputi: It looks like we have --

Councilmember Milhaven: I don't think he recorded your vote correctly.

Councilmember Whitehead: Wow. I can't even see. Mr. Scheck and Ms. Brady.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Ms. McMahon and Jordan Miller. So we have Ms. Brady and Ms. McMahon have been appointed to the environmental advisory commission; is that correct?

[Time: 00:23:17]

Rommel Cordova: Just one moment, Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Wait, yeah --

Rommel Cordova: So Vice Mayor, your votes for Alisa McMahon and Jordan Miller, correct?

Vice Mayor Caputi: Yes.

Rommel Cordova: Okay.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Do we vote again?

Rommel Cordova: We have some technical difficulties here so I apologize. Yeah, we will have to vote again for the ties for the top three. So just give one moment and we'll vote again among of the top three, so Brady, Miller and Scheck.

Councilmember Janik: McMahon.

Rommel Cordova: I'm sorry. McMahon and Scheck.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Okay. Same order.

Councilmember Milhaven: Ms. Brady and McMahon.

Mayor Ortega: Ms. Brady and Scheck.

Councilmember Littlefield: Dr. McMahon and Andrew Scheck.

Councilmember Janik: Dr. McMahon and Andrew Scheck.

Councilmember Durham: Ms. Brady and Mr. Scheck.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Myself, Ms. Brady and Ms. McMahon.

Councilmember Whitehead: Ms. Brady and Mr. Scheck.

Rommel Cordova: Okay. So then that's clear. Brady and Scheck have been appointed.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Brady have and Scheck have been appointed.

Rommel Cordova: Thank you for your patience. Sorry about that.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:25:25]

Vice Mayor Caputi: No problem. Historic preservation commission. We have one opening. 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 one nominee. The nominee is: Courtney Lage. Ms. Lage will be participating in this meeting electronically.

Courtney Lage: Good afternoon. My name is Courtney Lage. I apologize for not being there in person. I hope you can hear me. I work currently for children in old town Scottsdale. So we are doing a presentation on behalf of the foster children. My name is Courtney Lage.

I have a master's degree in educational leadership and I'm currently working on my doctorate on public policy at ASU. I'm a proud resident of beautiful Scottsdale since 1984. So I have seen it grow for 37 years, since being a child, went through the elementary school, middle school and high school, and also went on to A.S.U.

So I'm very passionate about this city, as I mentioned, I have seen it grow. I'm seeing a lot of growth that is very exciting and a lot of growth that's very concerning in terms of preserving the city and its historical nature.

So I'm very interested in this position, while always looking at the positives and the negatives of the growth of the city, but also keeping a special interest with keeping a city preserved historically and archaeologically.

And making sure that, you know, as we go and move that we are not forgetting the history of the city of Scottsdale. And, again, I don't think I mentioned quickly I live in old town Scottsdale at 6195 north third street. I lived all over Scottsdale throughout my life and familiar with the city, its history and very interested in the future and developing and helping to preserve Scottsdale.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, Ms. Lage. Does anyone have any questions? Then we will now entertain a vote for the historic preservation commission, starting with Mayor Ortega.

Mayor Ortega: Courtney Lage.

Councilmember Littlefield: Courtney Lage.

Councilmember Janik: Courtney Lage.

Councilmember Durham: Courtney Lage.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Courtney Lage.

Councilmember Whitehead: Courtney Lage.

Councilmember Milhaven: Courtney Lage.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Courtney Lage has been appointed.

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

[Time: 00:28:05]

Vice Mayor Caputi: McDowell Sonoran Preservation. There's one vacancy and two nominees. Robert Fishman. Mark Hackbarth. Mr. Hackbarth's term expired in October and is eligible for reappointment. Robert Fishman, if you could approach the podium.

Robert Fishman: Good afternoon, Mayor Ortega, vice mayor Caputi, other members of council. My name is Rob Fishman. I live on north 117<sup>th</sup> way in the Stonegate Community of which I am vice chair -- vice chairman of the homeowners association. I have served on public and private boards.

I'm a lawyer by training but I have worked in the insurance business for over 35 years both as a

C.E.O. and a member of both public and private boards. I have led strategic reviews for global 50 company. I was executive director of a forensic mental health system study in Pennsylvania. I have hiked through the U.S., Switzerland, Austria, Patagonia, and many places in the United States.

I live very close to the Lost Dog Wash Trail and I know many of the trails throughout the McDowells. So, the most important issue, I don't think there's one. I think it's about preservation, protection, promotion, and funding. And preservation to me implies a continuous protection of erosion, lack of plants, density of use, the control of ebikes, research and education, promotion to children, and -- and making sure that we have significant and sufficient space in the next 10 to 20 years. Which implies the necessity of acquiring land. And how are we going to do that? And it implies funding. So where do we get the funding?

How do we match the funds from grants to continue perpetual maintenance in the McDowells? I know that that's an issue that's coming up in the spring. I know that, you know, it would be great to potentially extend the .2 of 1% sales tax but I want to emphasize that I work on strategy, develop priorities, figure out the objectives, and create steps to implement them.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you.

Robert Fishman: Any questions?

Vice Mayor Caputi: Questions? Councilwoman Littlefield.

[Time: 00:31:02]

Councilmember Littlefield: Yes, thank you. Thank you for your interest in serving Scottsdale. I wanted to ask you if you could go into a little bit more detail on how you feel about the ebikes in the preserve. This has raised a lot of controversy here in Scottsdale.

Robert Fishman: Yes, so my feeling is that if we're going to have ebikes in the preserve, there ought to be a dedicated area to that. I don't think that ebikes are appropriate on most trails in the preserve. They go too fast. I think that they erode the trails, and I think it's -- it potentially creates danger for those that are walking.

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you.

Robert Fishman: Yep.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Any other questions? Great. Thank you. Mark Hackbarth.

Mark Hackbarth: Good afternoon, my name is Mark Hackbarth. I reside at 6022 east red bird road in Scottsdale. I have lived there for the past 29 years. My professional experience has been as an archeologist. I have been employed full time since October of 1982 in Arizona, and my

largest accomplishment to date doing that has been as a senior author of city of Scottsdale's cultural resource master plan for the preserve.

Part of that has brought me the experience I believe that suits me for this commission. I recognize that preservation, education, research, and natural wildlife and vegetation are prime goals of having the preserve, and I support that, obviously very immensely. My advocacy, though, on this commission would be for cultural resources.

These are none renewable resources and I believe they are extremely important to bring them to the public as far as educate them, people of what is out there, and what is the significance of the resources that we have. My work, I think, in the past three years has been towards that advocacy for archaeological sites. If you have any questions, I will take them.

Vice Mayor Caputi: It looks like Councilwoman Littlefield. I imagine you would like to ask the same question.

Councilmember Littlefield: Yes, how do you feel about ebikes.

Mark Hackbarth: My opinion is that ebikes have a lot of drawbacks between the noise, the speed and the increased number of people on trails, that they would bring, I really think that the city has already provided areas outside of the preserve that are adequate for their use, and that's where I believe they should stay.

[Time: 00:33:59]

Councilmember Littlefield: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great. I will now entertain a vote for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve commission. Each councilmember can vote for one nominee. We will start with Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mark Hackbarth.

Councilmember Janik: Mark Hackbarth.

Councilmember Durham: Mark Hackbarth.

Vice Mayor Caputi: My vote is for Robert Fishman.

Councilmember Whitehead: Mark Hackbarth.

Councilmember Milhaven: Mark Hackbarth.

Mayor Ortega: Mark Hackbarth.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Mark Hackbarth has been appointed. Thank you.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:34:37]

Vice Mayor Caputi: Parks and recreation commission. There's one vacancy and one nominee. As Alexandra Albert has withdrawn her application from consideration. The nomination is Steve Masear. Mr. Masear, if you would approach the podium. Is he not in attendance?

Rommel Cordova: Mayor, Vice Mayor, he was scheduled to attend but it doesn't look like he's present. So we can just move on to the next commission.

Vice Mayor Caputi: So we're not going to take a vote at all.

Rommel Cordova: If you would like to, he has submitted written responses in your material. You most definitely can.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Do we need to have a vote on the council or just good to proceed?

Rommel Cordova: You can go through.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Great. So we will start with Councilwoman Janik.

Councilmember Janik: Steve Masear.

Councilmember Durham: Steve Masear.

Vice Mayor Caputi: I vote for Steve Masear.

Councilmember Whitehead: Steve Masear.

Councilmember Milhaven: Steve Masear.

Mayor Ortega: Steve Masear.

Councilmember Littlefield: Steve Masear.

**PATHS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

[Time: 00:35:46]

Vice Mayor Caputi: The paths and trails subcommittee. There are special qualifications. The

subcommittee shall consist of five members: two Transportation Commissioners, One Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and two non-commission members. Non-commission members are appointed by the City Council for terms of three years with a maximum of two terms. There is one vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is: Kyle Davis. Mr. Davis' term has expired and is eligible for reappointment.

He is not able to join us this afternoon, however, he is very much interested in being reappointed to the committee. He's not going to call in. We are just same –

Rommel Cordova: Vice Mayor, no.

Vice Mayor Caputi: I will now entertain a vote for paths and trails subcommittee.

Councilmember Durham: Kyle Davis.

Vice Mayor Caputi: I vote for Kyle Davis.

Councilmember Whitehead: Kyle Davis. Kyle Davis.

Councilmember Milhaven: Kyle Davis.

Mayor Ortega: Kyle Davis.

Councilmember Littlefield: Kyle Davis.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Kyle Davis has been appointed.

#### **VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:36:45]

Vice Mayor Caputi: Veterans advisory commission. We have four vacancies and five nominees. Sean Asmus has withdrawn his application from consideration. The nominees are: Land Anderson Mark Ashley. Who will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically. Steven Jackson, Raymond Sillari, Joel Stempel. Mr. Stempel's term expired in October and is eligible for reappointment. So we will hear first from Land Anderson.

Land Anderson: Good afternoon, my name is Land Anderson. I reside at 7758 East Via Del Futuro and I lived in Scottsdale for two years. It provided an opportunity to serve on this commission, I would bring perspective across three areas to serving our veterans in our community. The first is my status as a veteran. I was fortunate to earn an A.V. scholarship to attend college and served on active duty in the navy as a surface warfare officer.

The top learning I have from this experience is that if we provide resources to those serving and



those who have served, they will succeed in our country and our community will be better for it. The second is the perspective I have as a manager at Amazon.com where I worked for 16 years, and throughout that entire time, I have supported our military hiring efforts.

We have hired 40,000 veterans to date and are on track to reach a goal of 100,000 veterans within three years. Within that effort, I have hired veterans for my own team, for other teams, and for roles around the world.

I have been fortunate to coach and help many of these individuals through these times of transition and change, which can be difficult, as was my own transition. My experience listening to and coaching veterans will help me contribute to this commission. Third, as a member of the rotary club of Scottsdale, I have helped organize and participate in community service activities. I have also helped with has been too for humanity home building for veterans.

And I manage active duty special forces personnel transitioning and retiring from the service as they work on career advice and interviewing skills through the honor foundation. I seek community involvement as a help to bolstering our ties and bringing veterans together. In closing, I still have a lot to learn about Scottsdale, what I do know from my experience in helping and working with and leaving and mentoring veterans is that awareness of resources and opportunities can be limited whether it's counseling, financial management, or facing challenges such as homelessness, the city and the organization stand ready to help.

Veterans are eye special group of citizens who continue to serve after they leave the military, our leaders can continue to call upon veterans to make Scottsdale an even better place. Finding new ways to engage veterans is a challenge and an opportunity for this commission. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Any questions? We'll hear from mark Ashley, who will be participating in this afternoon's meeting electronically.

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Mark Ashley: Good afternoon, madam Vice Mayor, members of the council, my name is Mark Ashley and I lived at 93306 East Dreyfuss since 1994. Regarding my experience, it began when my family entered the middle class, courtesy of my father as service in the navy and the G.I. bill. I took a commission in the Army and started a career as a public servant.

I'm ready for my next public service assignment. Regarding issues for the V.A.C., I believe that veterans outreach and raising the awareness of events, programs and other veterans-related items is key. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Questions? Great. Steven Jackson is next.

Steven Jackson: Thank you, mayor, Vice Mayor, councilmembers, my name is Steven Jackson, I

live at 8416 East Fairmount in Scottsdale. I have been here for ten years. I came to Scottsdale when I left the military. I left the military because I was a disabled military and got in school. I was originally a high school dropout and I got my GED. I was able to obtain a bachelor's in business management. I went to get on -- I went on to get a master's in business administration and I went and got a law degree. So now I'm a lawyer here in Scottsdale.

I participate in DAV events around the state, doing wills for heroes in my spare time. I have good relationships with the people at the VFW, the DAV and the American legion and I'm a life member. I think that the biggest issue in Scottsdale is if you look at the census that was reviewed in the board meetings last year, we lost over 1,000 veterans in ten years.

So I think for me, the biggest issue in Scottsdale would be drawing veterans. I have got a lot of relationships in the community, I'm a probate lawyer here, and I think that if we can speak with Iraq war veterans and younger veterans that we would be able to add to the diversity of Scottsdale in a way that would drive people towards Scottsdale who are patriotic, who are positive, who want to be here, and who will be better for the community. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. Questions? Okay. Well, thank you. Raymond Sillari.

Raymond Sillari: Thank you, mayor and council. I have lived in Scottsdale since 1995. I came here on a business move, and I lived in 92<sup>nd</sup> place in Scottsdale. I was educated in Vermont, went into the military in 1967, and got out in 1971. As we all know, the military has been engaged in a lot of things since then and I think it's important that we make available to allow our military citizens the opportunity to get all these benefits.

I think one the problems we have is communication. And being able to communicate, there's so many more benefits available today, than there ever were when we came out of the service in 1971. My education as I said in St. Michael's college in Vermont, and then I have a master's degree in education. I have been in Scottsdale working as an ambassador, Scottsdale downtown ambassador, and I do miss the program. I hope we get it going again.

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I think it's one of the better programs that we've had in Scottsdale. The chance to meet people. I am retired. I have the time. I have seen a lot of my fellow classmates and friends who did suffer due to the things that came out of the war. Again, thank you for your attention.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you Mr. Sillari. Last we'll hear from Joel Stempil, unless there are questions. Okay.

Joel Stempil: Excuse me. My name is Joel Stempil. I lived in Scottsdale for 17 years. I retired. I retired in 2015. I have married to my wife Gail for 58 years and four married daughters and four grandchildren. I'm commander of the Korean war veterans, the general Brad Smith ray Harvey chapter of the Korean war veterans.

I'm currently on the veterans -- or I was on the veterans advisory commission for Scottsdale and I also serve as the treasurer for the state KWVA, as well as on the board of directors of veterans furniture center.

In addition, I have worked on grants for the state of Arizona, that deal with funding of different veterans organizations. I spent 40 years a financial advisor and branch manager. It was a career that helped me listen to the needs of people, and cause me to respond to those needs. Being a branch manager and a brokerage office is second in difficult to the president of United States. I believe that we as a commission explored issues concerning veterans needs and have taken significant steps to address those issues.

My goal and the commission's goal is to help veterans and their families with housing, education, and jobs and I specifically want to work on financial education for veterans. This is what I would like to do if I'm reappointed. In conclusion, I served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army, I was in Germany, in the '60s during the Cold War. I also served three years in the reserves, and I thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you, Mr. Stempil. Do you have any questions?

Councilwoman Janik: I have one, can you give me about your ideas for how to deal with the homeless in the veterans population.

[Time: 00:47:00]

Joel Stempil: The homelessness, we worked on. One thing we know in Scottsdale is pretty expensive. I use my experience in the veterans furniture center and it's pretty impossible to find housing. That's something that has been a real problem, that we have discussed in the vet -- in the current -- or the previous veterans advisory commission.

And I think we have to work a little harder in that, and maybe as far as the educational -- or the education that we want to work with, I think we ought to also. We want to work more with resources in the city, as far as finding housing for veterans and their families.

Councilmember Janik: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Thank you. I will now entertain a vote for the veterans advisory commission, each councilmember can vote for four nominees. I will start with myself. I vote for Land Anderson, mark Ashley, Steven Jackson and Joel Stempil. Councilwoman Whitehead.

Councilmember Whitehead: I vote for land Anderson, Mark Ashley, Steven Jackson, and Joel Stempil.

Councilmember Littlefield: Land Anderson, Mark Ashley, Steven Jackson, and Joel Stempil.

Mayor Ortega: Land Anderson, Steven Jackson, Mr. Sillari, and Joel Stempil.

Councilmember Littlefield: Mark Ashley, Joel Stempil, Steven Jackson, and Raymond Sillari.

Councilmember Janik: Mark Ashley, Steven Jackson, Raymond Sillari, and Joel Stempil.

Councilmember Durham: Land Anderson, mark Ashley, Steven Jackson, and Joel Stempil.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Okay. So it looks like we have land Anderson, mark Ashley, Steven Jackson, and Joel Stempil have been appointed. Thank you. This concludes our appointment process for today. I would like to thank all our 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 on next steps regarding their appointment.

The City of Scottsdale is very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented individuals who are willing and ready to serve for our city. Back to you, Mayor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 00:50:12]

Mayor Ortega: Thank you very much. And I will echo those comments. That will conclude the board, commissions selections. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Vice Mayor Caputi: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Janik: Seconded.

Mayor Ortega: All in favor, register your vote. We are adjourned. We will reconvene at 5:00 for our regular council meeting.