



**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HEARINGS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM**

One Civic Center Boulevard, Community Development Meeting Room 1
7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

- PRESENT:** Michael Gonzalez, Chairman
Todd Becker, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Fabiano
Kevin Walling
- ABSENT:** Jordan Ledbetter
Joe Meli
Garrett Redd
- STAFF:** Greg Bestgen, Staff Representative

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Gonzalez called the meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission to order at 5:22 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed the members present as stated above.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to speak.

1. Approve February 25, 2015 Draft Summary Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER FABIANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015. VICE CHAIRMAN BECKER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS MELI, LEDBETTER AND REDD WERE ABSENT.

2. Planning, Discussion and Possible Action on NextDoor.com

Mr. Greg Bestgen, Staff Representative, advised that this item is tabled until the April meeting.

3. Planning, Discussion and Possible Action on NEP Projects and Spirit Awards

Mr. Bestgen announced that 11 nominations for the Spirit Awards have been received thus far, and staff anticipates that more nominations will be received. Mr. Bestgen distributed copies of the nominations. He requested that the Commissioners individually sponsor the nominations submitted by City staff.

Commission members selected nominations they agreed to sponsor:

- Commissioner Fabiano, San Trevisia
- Vice Chairman Becker, Brewing Company
- Chairman Gonzalez, Granite Reef Road residence
- Commissioner Walling, Hubbell Street residence

The Commissioners agreed view the nominated properties before the next meeting. Mr. Bestgen undertook to email a map showing the location of each nomination. He agreed that Commissioners could take photos and email them to him, which would be helpful when they are reviewing the nominations. Unlike the NEP program, before and after photos are not required. The commercial properties are to be evaluated strictly on the basis of appearance, not the nature of the business.

Vice Chairman Becker noted that Mr. Bestgen and he had a discussion earlier about extending the deadline for nominations past March 31. Mr. Bestgen reported that Ms. Hill is not enthusiastic about doing that. The consensus was that there are enough nominations in the three categories. The winner in each category will receive a gift card and a commemorative plaque.

The Commissioners discussed the signs to be placed in yards. Commissioner Walling pointed out that the signs must conform to the City sign ordinance and Code Enforcement should be alerted to leave them in place. Mr. Bestgen undertook to check with Ms. Hill regarding how many signs she is ordering and whether one can be placed in front of each property nominated. Commissioners noted that the signs can be recuperated and reused in subsequent years.

4. Planning, Discussion and Possible Action on 2015 Work Plan

Commissioner Walling led a discussion on the status of the work plan.

With regard to publicity for the Commission's work, Mr. Bestgen noted that Vice Chairman Becker made an eloquent presentation to City Council urging people to participate in the Spirit Awards. Vice Chairman Becker elaborated that he focused on the Spirit Award and asked everyone to nominate their favorite property in the area. He spoke during the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. He volunteered to present the winners to City Council once they have been chosen.

Commissioner Walling recalled that they had discussed adding an item 3.50, for recognition of property beautification efforts and Spirit Awards in the McDowell corridor.

Mr. Bestgen noted they had completed final follow-up with applicants to the R1-7 REEP program last year and these items can be hidden or deleted from the spreadsheet.

Mr. Walling undertook to update the meeting dates on the spreadsheet. They agreed that he would email the updated spreadsheet to Mr. Bestgen for circulation to the rest of the Commission. Everyone agreed that a separate spreadsheet should be kept for each year.

5. Staff and Commission Updates, Comments, Future Agenda Items

Mr. Bestgen said Ms. Christy Hill will attend the April Commission meeting to review the Spirit Awards, after which the Commission will select the winning nominations.

Vice Chairman Becker commented that attendance at this meeting is very important. At Mr. Bestgen's suggestion he undertook to draft a reminder of the importance of attending the April 22 meeting, for staff to forward to the whole Commission. Mr. Bestgen added that Commissioners can pick up the Spirit Award nomination packets from his office.

Ms. Joy Racine will attend the April meeting to present NextDoor.com.

Mr. Bestgen announced that the sunset review by the Audit Committee has been rescheduled to May 18. The deadline to provide materials to the City Auditor's Office is now May 6.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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