

In lieu of bylaws, meeting protocols for the task force were set during the first meeting on 8/31/2009 (Item 5, Page 2).



DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE
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SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

- PRESENT:** John Packham, Chair
Betty Drake, Task Force Member
Marilyn Atkinson, Task Force Member
Gary Baker, Task Force Member
Tom Giller, Task Force Member
Kathy Duley, Task Force Member
Jude Nau, Task Force Member
Scott Nelson, Task Force Member
Roger Saba, Task Force Member
Bret Sassenberg, Task Force Member
Janie White, Task Force Member
Susie Wheeler, Task Force Member
- ABSENT:** Chris Camberlango, Task Force Member
Michael D'Andrea, Task Force Member
Fred Unger, Task Force Member
- STAFF:** Connie Padian
Lisa Blyler
Joe Padilla
Erin Perreault
Rob Millar
Brandon Lebovitz

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Packham called the meeting of Downtown Task Force to order at 7:43 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present as stated above.

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by Councilman Nelssen

Councilman Nelssen thanked the Task Force for agreeing to volunteer their time. The Councilman noted that the Downtown is the heart of our city as far as sustainability, progress, and economic viability. Most of the good things in the City of Scottsdale are citizen initiated; and therefore, to have citizens, stake holders, and the knowledge keepers and holders of the culture and traditions of Scottsdale to sit at one table will help to efficiently implement the Downtown Plan. The Councilman distributed a handout containing portions of pages 39 and 42, from the Character and Design sections of the General Plan. Furthermore, the Councilman encouraged the Task Force members to remember these values as they discuss the downtown design and character.

2. Welcome

Chairman Packham discussed the 2009 Downtown Task Force, and explained that the Task Force will make recommendations to the City Council on the implementation of the Downtown Plan on (1) possible modifications to the Downtown (D) and Downtown Overlay (DO) section of the Zoning Ordinance; (2) Downtown parking plan; (3) Downtown pedestrian amenities; (4) Downtown transit plan and (5) such other Downtown related matters as assigned to the Task Force by the City Council (Resolution No. 8027).

3. Task Force Member Introductions

Task Force members conducted self introductions and a brief background.

4. Task Force Vice-Chair

Discussion and action pertaining to the appointment of a Task Force Vice-Chair

TASK FORCE MEMBER ATKINSON MOVED TO ELECT BETTY DRAKE AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE. SECONDED BY TASK FORCE MEMBER DULEY, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF TWELVE (12) TO ZERO (0).

5. Meeting protocols

Chairman Packham went over meeting protocols and norms, and asked that everyone respect each other and their opinions. The Task Force will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. and will attempt to maintain a ninety-minute meeting. Chairman Packham asked that cell phones be turned off completely; everyone should participate, ask questions, and be vocal.

A quorum was established to be eight (8) Task Force members and that any action items would pass by a majority of the quorum.

A tentative schedule of meeting dates and topics was distributed.

A tutorial of the City website and information was provided, in addition to staff roles and introductions.

6. Public Comment

Sonnie Kirtley gave her thanks to the Task Force and encouraged them to read up on the documents and items to be discussed by the Task Force.

Louise Romen requested the Task Force members to identify where they live in relation to the downtown. The members agreed to provide this information at the next meeting.

7. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items proposed by Task Force members include: parking analysis and discussion; enhancing downtown as a tourist destination, and as a place to live; preservation and rescue of the arts district and galleries; pedestrian amenities and open space; discussion and possible amendments to the Downtown Overlay (DO); and architectural character and possible guidelines specific to the various districts.

8. Downtown Character Area Tour

A tour was conducted of the Downtown Character Area. This tour was for information only and the members of the 2009 Downtown Task Force did not conduct any business, engage in any deliberations, discussion, or take any legal action during the tour.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting of Downtown Task Force adjourned at 9:15 a.m.