Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:01 p.m. A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as stated above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes February 27, 2019
COMMISSIONER MELI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2019 MEETING AS PRESENTED. VICE CHAIR MIRALDI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7-0 WITH CHAIR FABIANO, VICE CHAIR MIRALDI, COMMISSIONERS CROMARTY, JAMES, MELI, NASH AND PUTMAN VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. **Invitation to Annual Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event**

Kelli Kuester, Management Assistant to the Mayor, invited Commissioners to attend the event.

3. **Indian Bend Wash Master Plan Effort; Thomas to McKellips**

Erin Walsh, Public Works, stated that this is an 11 mile segment, which hosts a variety of activities, such as fishing, multiuse paths, sports, playgrounds, a skate park, disc golf, golf course and aquatic center. It also conveys stormwater through the community. The greenbelt features more than 24 crossings. The segment was built in the 1970’s; some aging infrastructure requires replacement or upgrading. This project involves only a small section of Indian Bend Wash for master planning purposes, from Thomas Road to McKellips Road, encompassing El Dorado Park and Vista Del Camino Park. This is one of the oldest sections of the wash most in need of infrastructure upgrades. Part of the process includes gathering community input on how citizens use the park now and how they wish to use it in the future. This phase of the project does not include actual building, but merely planning for future park improvements. It is likely that this two-mile section will be divided up into lots of smaller projects that are then funded over time through the CIP approved by City Council or possibly through a bond election.

The first public meeting was held in January, 2019 with the following questions posed:

- How do you use the park now?
- How do you want to use it in the future?
- What are your top uses?

There is also currently a questionnaire posted to the City website for input.

In response to a question from Commissioner Putman, Ms. Walsh stated that stakeholder interviews are still in process.

Ms. Walsh stated that the City has hired a consulting firm, J2 Engineering, to complete the master planning and engineering work. Concurrently, staff is initiating the development of preliminary concepts. It is hoped that the second public meeting will occur in May, 2019. At that time, preliminary concepts will be presented based on the feedback received. The project will go through a municipal use master plan process. It will go before the Planning Commission, the Development Review Board and City Council. Staff will return to the Commission to provide the preliminary concepts when available.
Commissioner Cromarty stated that this process was previously undertaken in great detail with the 2010 Southern Scottsdale Area Plan, specifically in regard to Indian Bend Wash and surrounding neighborhoods. At that time, there were focus groups, a town hall meeting and café conversations. All of the information should still be available. Ms. Walsh confirmed that the findings have been forwarded to the project team.

Commissioner Cromarty commented that some of the comments reflected a desire to have the sides of the park activated where there was some development. Rather than having shops and restaurants having their backs to Indian Bend Wash, they wanted to have the business front and overlook the Wash. One of the outcomes from 2010 was that buildings on the south side of McDowell Road would face Indian Bend and that improvements would be made for the community and those residing in the apartments and condos. Ms. Walsh stated that the first meeting was attended by approximately 160 participants. The purview of this project is more limited than the 2010 studies.

Commissioner Cromarty commented that there are also water problems in the area. The EPA requires that there only be clean waters flowing in the area, however runoff is currently entering the system.

Commissioner James asked whether there was an outcome from the 2010 study. Commissioner Cromarty stated that the project was the Southern Scottsdale Area Plan, addressing the area just north of the Downtown boundary all the way down to Tempe. Since then, there has been some development south of McDowell Road along the Indian Bend Wash. Adam Yaron, Project Coordination Liaison, advised that the discussion should focus on the public outreach plan for the Indian Bend Wash.

Commissioner James asked whether this improvement project is part of the $800 million infrastructure plan that has been discussed in the past. Ms. Walsh stated that there is one project being discussed for a potential bond election in 2019, which includes this segment of Indian Bend Wash. However, the master plan will serve more as a guideline divided into smaller projects. It will be an infrastructure package with funding possibly to implement the first phase of the project, if approved by voters.

### 4. 2019 Spirit of Scottsdale Work Program: Program Criteria and Scheduling

Brandon McMahon, Associate Planner, was present to discuss a summary of the last meeting regarding the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards and having the Commission potentially ask on the staff's proposed work plan for this year's program. In February, the Commission unanimously affirmed that it wanted to continue the program in 2019. The Commission also provided various suggestions to staff to further develop the program in a way that could appeal to a broader public, which in turn could increase the total number of nominations. For the proposed work plan for 2019, most of the items will carry over from 2018 with a few modifications.
As discussed at the last meeting, the nomination category will consist solely of the Spirit of Scottsdale Award. This will help the community focus nominations on people, businesses or organizations that align with the Commission’s overall purpose, which is to assist in the preservation, improvement and revitalization of Scottsdale through community involvement. This award category recognizes residents, organizations, developments and businesses, rather than a particular building that help to strengthen and build Scottsdale’s community through their commitment to and involvement in neighborhoods.

Nomination considerations include those that have substantial active years of service or involvement in strengthening neighborhood identity, those that champion community dialogue to produce constructive recommendations and solutions that address the dynamic need or needs of a particular neighborhood and those that provide unique contributions of time, effort, skills and/or financial resources to a particular neighborhood. These considerations were created by combining ideals and goals from the community involvement section of the 2001 General Plan. Also considered was Tempe’s neighborhood award program. Nomination methodology will remain the same for the 2019 program, being a web-based submission form, including a photograph. This will enable the option to gather analytics behind the scenes as well.

The timeline for this year will begin with the opening on April 8th and will close at approximately December 31st, 2019. Once all submissions are gathered, they will be presented to the Commission at the regularly scheduled January, 2020 meeting for review and selection of the winner. The winner will be announced at a February, 2020 City Council hearing. The submission boundary is expanded to include all of Scottsdale. Most of the outreach for the program will carry over from 2018. Staff will continue to work with the Office of Communication and utilize various forms of print and web media. They will also look into ways for the City Council to be more involved in the award process.

Commissioner Putman suggested a small modification that there would be two winners, including a single person and a business or organization. Chair Fabiano agreed and there was consensus among Commissioners that this was the understanding from the last meeting.

Chair Fabiano commented that the extended timeline will allow more time for participation.

Commissioner James asked why a different result is expected, if the outreach will be the same as it was in 2018. Mr. McMahon stated that expanding to citywide will increase participation. Last year, staff received a number of nominations that did not qualify, as they were not located within the boundary.

COMMISSIONER MELI MOVED TO APPROVE THE WORK PLAN WITH ONE MODIFICATION TO AWARD CATEGORY: ONE INDIVIDUAL AND ONE BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION. COMMISSIONER CROMARTY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7-0 WITH CHAIR FABIANO, VICE CHAIR MIRALDI, COMMISSIONERS CROMARTY, JAMES, MELI, NASH AND PUTMAN VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.
5. **Agua Linda Neighborhood Park Improvement Project**

Mr. Yaron reviewed that at its last meeting, the Commission selected Agua Linda Neighborhood Park as the site of choice to provide neighborhood enhancement grant program funding. The scope of work is in partnership between Operation Fix-It as well as Parks & Recreation. There are 25 City parks which are intended to be easily accessible by adjacent neighborhoods, providing focus in neighborhood recreational needs as well as preserving small open spaces and residential or commercial areas. They are generally smaller than community or regional parks and provide recreational opportunities that involve more of a mix of passive and active recreational activities.

Agua Linda Park is one of the oldest neighborhood parks within the City. It was dedicated in 1967, is approximately four and a half acres in size and with a surrounding population (one mile radius) of approximately 10,673 residents. Forty-five percent of all housing units (2,500 to 2,600) are multifamily units and six percent of the total population fall below the poverty level. Site preparation and granite hardscape will be placed along North Pima Road and East McDonald Road. There will be a landscape improvement consisting of approximately 100 shrubs and ten trees. This will be in coordination with Parks & Recreation staff. There will be paint and supplies for areas of the ramada, surrounding screen walls, bathroom facilities as well as improvements to the basketball court. The estimated project total is approximately $17,725. The renovation event will take place on Monday, April 22nd with approximately 125 to 150 volunteers over a period of two hours.

Mr. Yaron stated that City Council allocates roughly $30,000 through its fiscal year, which ends June 1st. Approximately $10,000 was spent on the event in November 2018. After the amount requested this evening, the balance would be approximately $2,400 for the remainder of the fiscal year. The intent would be for the website to solicit input from the community.

COMMISSIONER MELI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $17,725. COMMISSIONER CROMARTY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7-0 WITH CHAIR FABIANO, VICE CHAIR MIRALDI, COMMISSIONERS CROMARTY, JAMES, MELI, NASH AND PUTMAN VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. **Staff updates**

Mr. Yaron thanked Commissioner Putman for representing the Commission on March 9th to receive a pay it forward contribution at the Operation Fix-It event, receiving a check on behalf of the City.

Mr. Yaron discussed recent improvements to the City’s website concerning vacation and short term rentals, in large part due to the communications plan approved by the NAC. The site is scottsdaleaz.gov, keyword, “rental.” It provides information on the obligations of a landlord and the associated tax liability, as well as a map of registered rentals.
The next NAC meetings are scheduled for April 24th and May 22nd.

Vice Chair Miraldi requested an update on the flag project and whether the final decision was just to revert back to the existing City flag. Mr. Yaron confirmed this understanding. City Council decided that the City should maintain the current flag design.

Commissioner Putman asks about reporting options if a citizen realized that a rental property is not registered. Mr. Yaron stated that the question is included in the FAQs on the website. When clicking on the topic, there is a link to the code enforcement/statutory information.

Commissioner James asked whether the City will be taking action regarding unregistered rentals. Mr. Yaron stated that upon reporting, there would be an open code enforcement action against the property. Commissioner Cromarty noted that the website is not a resource people can use for immediate action to be taken.

Mr. Yaron added that there are likely over 20,000 properties in the City that are currently renting and are unregistered. The website is also intended as a tool to educate the public as to what limitations the City has in facilitating good neighborly actions between a renter and owner.

Commissioner James posed the question of whether the Commission should be responding to public questions in some way, as three individuals have already provided questions and comments to the Commission. Mr. Yaron stated that in terms of citizen inquiries, staff confers with the City Attorney's Office regarding whether there are actionable items the Commission can engage in. He offered to add an agenda item for an upcoming meeting, which will discuss a consolidated list of what topics have been brought up and what limitations there are in responding. Vice Chair Miraldi commented that the State has taken a position that it will not regulate the rentals.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved by Vice Chair Miraldi and seconded by Commissioner Cromarty, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

AYES: Chair Fabiano, Vice Chair Miraldi, Commissioners Cromarty, James, Meli, Nash, Putman
NAYS: None

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