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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call to order our September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, City Council meeting and this is a Special Meeting, and it is for the specific purpose of Boards and Commissions interviews and appointment process. Let's start with the roll call, please.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:17]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Guy Phillips.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Bob Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Dennis Robbins.

Councilman Robbins: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer.

Brian Biesemeyer: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

Jeff Nichols: Here.

Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

Mayor Lane: I will turn the meeting over to our Vice Mayor Guy Phillips.

**ITEM 1 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCE INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

[Time: 00:00:52]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mayor. We are interviewing Scottsdale citizens who are interesting in serving on six boards. We would like to thank you for your willingness to serve your time for our community. Your time is very much appreciated. Following each set of interviews we will vote on appointments for that commission. As I call your name, please come to the podium and we will ask that you cover the materials that will be up on the screen. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Vice Mayor Phillips: So we will start with the Airport Advisory Commission. There's two openings. The Airport Advisory Commission advises on aviation issues, maintenance, proposed development fees, leases, land use and safety. There are two vacancies and two nominees. The nominees, there's Brad Berry and Steven Ziomek. Steve is unable to attend this evening but still wishes to be considered for reappointment. Brad Berry is here. Please come to the podium.

[Time: 00:02:00]

Brad Berry: Good afternoon. Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Phillips, distinguished City Councilmembers, my name is Brad Berry. I live at 9669 East Buteo Drive in Scottsdale. I have been a Scottsdale resident for 38 years. I would like to serve on the commission because as a business executive and a member of this community, I understand the value, responsible and the rewards of contributing my time and experience to benefit Scottsdale, especially at the airport where I have a personal interest. Following experiences qualify me for the Airport Advisory Commission. As an owner of a Beechcraft Baron G-58 base at Scottsdale, I'm familiar with the operation of the facility and the asset it provides to pilots and the local community. As a licensed commercial rated multiengine rated instrument pilot and a member of the aircraft owners and pilot association president's Council, I also understand issues critical to airport safety. I'm the chief financial officer and an owner of Delta Diversified Enterprises, a privately held electrical contracting firm in Tempe. I would bring a thorough understanding of financial statements, reporting and budgeting as a member of the airport aviation commission.

For several years I have served on advisory boards for both Notre Dame Preparatory High School and the Country Club at D.C. Ranch. I was a member of both the advisory committee and transition committee in working with the transfer of ownership from DMB Associates to the Country Club of D.C. Ranch. I believe the top issue facing the airport is maintaining the fiscal health of our airport. While I agree that residential encroachment is real, important and inevitable, we should not lose sight of the financial impact of the airport. The Scottsdale Airport is unique that it's one of the few enterprise funds within the City of Scottsdale structure. So that end, I feel that we need to ensure that the airport remains a revenue positive, self-funding, self-funded enterprise entity, and that its growth, development and operations continue in a fiscally responsible manner, such that it does not become a tax burden to the city or its citizens. I would work with the commission in any way that I could monitor and maintain the fiscal health of our self-funded airport. It is an honor to be nominated for the Airport Advisory Commission and I ask for your support to serve as a member of this commission. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Berry.

Brad Berry: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: So there are two vacancies. So each Councilmember can vote twice. We will start with Councilmember Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Well, I nominate Mr. Berry and Mr. Ziomek.

Councilman Littlefield: Same.

Mayor Lane: I vote for the same two.

Councilwoman Klapp: The same two people.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Same.

Councilman Robbins: Same.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Well, I guess I will vote the same and that will be unanimous. So we have appointed Brad Berry and Steve Ziomek to the Airport Advisory Commission.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the Planning Commission. There's one opening. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on all matters related to the creation of zoning districts, enforcement of zoning regulations and amendments to all zoning ordinances. There's one vacancy and four nominees. Linda Whitehead is unable to attend but she wishes to be considered for appointment. Could we have Mr. Alessio come up first?

[Time: 00:05:39]

Paul Alessio: Good afternoon Mayor, members of the City Council, I'm Paul Alessio and I reside on East Tailspin Lane. Our family relocated from San Diego to Scottsdale in 1983. We moved away recently, actually right after that, into a different city, and now we reside with my family in our current address. I would like to serve on the Planning Commission as an opportunity to give back to the Scottsdale community that's given so much to my family. My personal experience over the past 31 years of living, working, and playing in Scottsdale, as well as my 15 plus years as a Scottsdale-based commercial builder, serves a great base to understand where Scottsdale has been and where we are going in the future.

Participating in recommendations to the City Council for appropriate planning, development, and redevelopment will preserve our excellent quality of life and with the City of Scottsdale, as well as the brand and the reputation, as well as serve as an economic engine for current and future generations. Our professional experience is principal and partner for three Scottsdale-based commercial builders for the past 15 years has been to work directly with owners to develop and construct projects in Arizona and the western United States. My role on over 100 projects has been traditionally to work through the preconstruction process, to balance the owners' goals and the municipal requirements, while ensure, the design progresses appropriately on schedule and within budget. I served for the past 21 years as the president or vice president on three homeowners associations, board of directors

and chairperson for three architectural design review committees.

I currently serve as the vice president for the Grayhawk Community board of directors as well as the chairperson for the architectural review committee for Grayhawk as well. The experience working with community organizations has taught me the importance of listening to individual residences, as well as the community as a whole, to strive to balance the competing interests before rendering any recommendations. Along those lines, I believe the top issue facing the Planning Commission is to work together with principals of development and redevelopment while listening to Scottsdale citizens and the community as a whole, as well as respecting the Scottsdale General Plan and Character Area Plans to work to balance the sometimes competing interests that make the best possible recommendations to the City Council that are consistent with the Scottsdale brand while preserving the quality of life that we all enjoy. Planning Commission is a very important role, and one that I would be honored to serve on. I appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Alessio.

Paul Alessio: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is Robert Cappel.

[Time: 00:08:33]

Robert Cappel: Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Phillips, members of the City Council, thank you very much for considering me. My name is Robert Cappel. I reside at 33600 North 79<sup>th</sup> Way, in Scottsdale where my wife and I have lived for the last 13 years full time. We were snowbirds eight years before that at a different location. I do believe in volunteering my time and expertise to help the community in which I live and I would be proud to serve the city and this City Council on the Planning Commission as a resident with special expertise on environmental concerns, and then negotiating disagreements on critical issues.

I believe that as a member of the Planning Commission, my goal would be to serve the city and its businesses and residents. As I think John Berry has so elegantly shown over the years, compromise can be a wonderful thing. And I think there's been critical issues that the Planning Commission can help compromise on to make those critical issues noncritical when those recommendations come to the City Council. I have special expertise in environmental chemistry and toxicology and I served for 28 years as Eastman Kodak's worldwide director of health, safety, and environmental support services and during that, as also for nine years as a science advisor to EPA's office at water. During those times, I was successful in negotiating hundreds of disagreements between federal, state and local regulators and various businesses and individuals on water quality violations.

I believe that the top issue facing the Planning Commission currently, at least over the next year or so, is the updated General Plan, and I would like to see, to be sure the Planning Commission takes a leadership role in this, and identifying any issues of concern and working those out to ensure that the

next General Plan passes as close to unanimously as possible by a vote of the residents. So I'm sure you know, I have been the president of Winfield's H.O.A. board of directors for the past eight years. I'm also the president of the board of directors of the Greater Pinnacle Peak Association. That's a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on enhancing the quality of life of residents and protecting the desert in northeast Maricopa County. I served this community by collecting concerns of the residents and serving them to the Planning Commission, the Transportation Commission and the City Council over the years. So I appreciate the opportunity to apply for this position. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Cappel. Next is Ali Fakih.

[Time: 00:12:19]

Ali Fakih: Good afternoon, Mayor, Councilmembers. My name is Ali Fakih. I live on North 110<sup>th</sup> Place Scottsdale, 85262. I'm a civil engineer, in case you guys wonder how I dress. But I have been living in Scottsdale for almost eight years. I own a business here in Scottsdale and a home, obviously. I'm a LEED A.P. and a professional registered engineer in Arizona and California. I was honored to serve on the DRB for the last three years. It was a great experience for me, actually, my whole life especially with my background. It's been said, I know, I have a bachelor in civil engineering, as I mentioned before. I have a master's in construction management and currently I'm pursuing a Ph.D. at A.S.U. which focuses on sustainable development when it relates to land planting and civil engineering. I really love the city. I really do. I consider it home right now, after living here, again, for eight years, moving from Michigan, actually.

As it's been said, I would like to offer my work experience, education, background and definitely my familiarity with the City of Scottsdale land use to serve on the Planning Commission, and I consider this, actually, the ultimate volunteering to give back to this community that I'm part of now and is my home. It's been said I would appreciate your consideration and I would be honored to serve on the Planning Commission. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you Mr. Fakih. That's it. Linda Whitehead is not here. Each Councilmember can vote once and we will start with Councilmember Littlefield.

Councilman Littlefield: Cappel.

Mayor Lane: I vote for Ali Fakih.

Councilwoman Klapp: Paul Alessio.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Fakih.

Councilman Robbins: Ali Fakih.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Cappel.

Councilmember Korte: Paul Alessio.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Well, it looks like Mr. Fakh got it.

Management Assistant to the Mayor Rachel Smetana: No, I'm sorry, you have to.....

Vice Mayor Phillips: You have to have four? Okay. So we will start again with the Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Well, Ali Fakh.

Councilwoman Klapp: Paul Alessio.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Fakh.

Councilman Robbins: Fakh.

Vice Mayor Phillips: I will make it Fakh.

Councilmember Korte: Paul Alessio.

Councilman Littlefield: Cappel.

Vice Mayor Phillips: So congratulations, Mr. Fakh.

#### **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the Development Review Board, there are four openings. The purpose of the Development Review Board is to maintain the quality of development in Scottsdale through the review of architectural design and layout and the proposed commercial design for commercial development and plats for residential development. We have six nominees, Paul Alessio, Ali Fakh, Ted Luther, Matthew Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Rachel Smetana: Ali Fakh is withdrawing his nomination for the D.R.B.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. So with that, Mr. Alessio, do you want to come back to the podium?

[Time: 00:16:23]

Paul Alessio: My name is Paul Alessio. I think you probably heard that once already. Still live at 7527 East Tailspin Lane and without going through the same story that I went through before, I think it

would be an absolute honor to serve on the DRB and I truly appreciate your time and consideration for that.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. Ted Luther.

[Time: 00:16:55]

Ted Luther: Mayor, City Councilmembers, my name is Ted Luther. I reside at 9371 East Wood Drive here in Scottsdale. You have my packet. I will briefly go over the questions why I feel I'm qualified to serve on the D.R.B. I love my community and I like to volunteer and give back. I enjoy the public/private process and dealing with land issues is a strong suit of mine. I enjoy meeting new people in the community and appreciate the opportunity to work with others in the land development process. And I really, what I really want to do is be a part of the high quality development that is Scottsdale.

As far as my experiences, again, just to reiterate, I served, I have lived in different states in my life. I have served two years on the City of Flagstaff traffic committee. I served three years on the City of Scottsdale, Environmental Quality Advisory Board. I have about an H.O.A. vice president and landscape committee member for four years at Desert Shadows there at Sweetwater and 94. I think some of these experiences, plus my 20 years of civil engineering experience here in Arizona, eight years in the City of Scottsdale, qualifies me to serve on this board. I have enjoyed watching the City of Scottsdale grow and I really think that what is unique about the City of Scottsdale is its high quality development and that's what I think I really want to pursue is just to focus on the high quality development that is Scottsdale and I think that's what sets Scottsdale apart. I lived in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Memphis, Raleigh and the hills of Pennsylvania. I think looking at a broad smattering of cities, I think what sets Scottsdale apart is its quality of development. I would like to support that and I appreciate your support.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Luther. Next, Matthew Mason.

[Time: 00:19:11]

Matthew Mason: Good afternoon, Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Matthew Mason. My address is 7702 East Third Street. And I have been, well, my most recent stint is seven years although I grew up in the south Scottsdale area and went to Arcadia High School. So I'm a south Scottsdale product. The reason why I want to serve is just that, I'm a south Scottsdale product. I'm the third generation of my family to live in Peaceful Valley and I love Scottsdale. I was born with real estate in my blood. My grandpa helped, he was a contractor over at Ponderosa Lumber and started Ponderosa Lumber and helped to develop a lot of real estate throughout the city and I have a passion for it and I want to serve.

Why D.R.B.? Well, I currently serve on the Board of Adjustments and I'm ready for different food, so is Pei Wei. No, the reality is D.R.B. really has a significant role in ensuring quality and I think that's

very important right now, where we're at a turning point in Scottsdale's history where we are looking at a lot of infill and I think D.R.B. has a critical role in that. I also believe that we need to maintain open space, and, you know, as well as develop smart. And so that's why I'm interested in D.R.B. To highlight some of my professional experience, I'm an attorney. A lot of my clients right now are developers, architects, contractors, homeowners. I have seen development problems. I deal with cleaning them up. I have also helped to write development plans and negotiate with cities. So I'm experienced in that area and I'm ready to serve. I would appreciate a vote and I appreciate the nomination. Thank you for your time.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Mason. Next is Joe Young.

[Time: 00:21:28]

Joe Young: Mayor Lane, members of Council, thank you for inviting me here today to tell you about myself. My name is Joe Young. I live on East Lewis in the Sherwood Heights neighborhood. Mayor Lane and Mr. Littlefield, I think you are both familiar with the neighborhood with some of our events that we've had there. I lived in Scottsdale for about 32 years and lived at my current residence for about 12. I would like to volunteer my name to be on the Development Review Board because I want to be a part of the process. I'm a landscape architect and I have been on this side of the table for all of my career. I have seen good projects. I have seen great projects and I have seen some not-so-great projects. So I think I can offer my experiences to help usher and promote new good development, responsible development for the citizens, the businesses and developers here in the city. I'm a graduate of Arizona State University. I have a degree in landscape architecture with a background studying land planning, architectural and industrial design. After I graduated, I worked for some small and medium-sized land planning and landscape architecture firms.

I have been involved in a whole array of different types of projects from hospitality, medical, commercial, large scale master plan developments, residential. So I think I have seen the gamut of the different types of projects that come across the table of the Development Review Board members. I think the top issue facing the Development Review Board right now is the same issue that all the and the commissions are facing and that would be a responsible steward to all the citizens and businesses here in the city. It's a legacy that we've got to leave behind and I hope, that you know, my experience with the work that I have done can help promote that continued good development. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer and thank you again for the nomination and I would be honored to serve.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Mr. Young. And next is Kelsey Young.

[Time: 00:23:47]

Kelsey Young: Good afternoon, Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Kelsey Young. I'm a proud south Scottsdale resident at 3331 North 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. I've lived in Scottsdale for 30 years which is all of my life. My family has been here since the early 1940s. My mom went to Scottsdale High

School, and my dad attended Coronado and I attended Desert Mountain High School. I want to serve on the D.R.B. because I want Scottsdale to continue to have the quality design building and development. I feel since I have lived here my entire life and seen Scottsdale grow tremendously over the past 30 years, I want to ensure the next 30 years continue the same standard of building and development. The D.R.B. is the last line of defense to ensure this quality and I want to be a part of that. I want to make sure Scottsdale stays beautiful.

I'm a real estate broker and I own my own real estate company in Scottsdale. Every day I'm evaluating building, homes, properties, determining their quality, and their value, both on the exterior and the interior. I have been working in real estate since I was 19 years old. Prior to that I grew up in a construction family. My dad has had his G.C. license in Arizona for over 30 years. I have also been closely following the redevelopment in downtown Scottsdale. I worked hand in hand with developers to sell and market residential properties in downtown Scottsdale. I think a top issue facing the D.R.B. is dealing with infill and redevelopment of the older parts of Scottsdale. As we become landlocked, this issue will continue. I will review plans and projects to ensure they are contextually appropriate and raise the quality, design and building in Scottsdale and blending the old with the new. I would be honored to serve on the D.R.B. and I would appreciate your vote.

[Time: 00:25:41]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Ms. Young. Okay. So there are four vacancies. Each Councilmember may vote four times. We will start with Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Paul Alessio, Matthew Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Paul Alessio, Matthew Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Councilman Robbins: Paul Alessio, Matt Mason, Joe Young, and Kelsey Young.

Vice Mayor Phillips: And I will say Paul Alessio, Matthew Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Councilmember Korte: Paul Alessio, Matthew Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Councilman Littlefield: Same.

Mayor Lane: Paul Alessio, Matt Mason, Joe Young and Kelsey Young.

Vice Mayor Phillips: It looks unanimous. Congratulations.

#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the Historic Preservation Commission. There's one opening. It oversees development and management of Scottsdale historic preservation program. There's one

vacancy and one nominee. The nominee is Alyssa Gerszewski, if I said that right, and please come to the podium.

[Time: 00:27:24]

Alyssa Gerszewski: Good afternoon. Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Phillips, members of the Council, my name is Alyssa Gerszewski and I live at 6853 East Osborn in Scottsdale, 85251. Serving on the Scottsdale Historic Preservation Commission appeals to me because it's an opportunity to channel my professional skills and interests as a citizen volunteer, in helping to identify, designate, preserve and manage the resources of this community. I care deeply about protecting our historic resources for future generations. I'm an employee of the State Historic Preservation Office and I hope that my role on this commission would help to strengthen the ties between the preservation office at the state level and also through this commission. I see this commission as an opportunity to affect real change in my community, by helping to promote the economic and intrinsic benefits of historic preservation and performing public outreach and education and helping out with preservation planning. My education and professional experience make me qualified for this Historic Preservation Commission.

I hold a Master's degree from Arizona State University in history, and I'm trained in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century urban history, also in public history with a specialization in historic preservation. I worked for two years in Tempe in historic preservation as an intern. I have been exposed to the local designation process. I work for the state historic preservation office currently and in my role is I assist in reviewing historic context, national register nominations and determinations of eligibility. I work for the secretary for interior standards for the treatment of historic properties and the criteria for evaluation and I believe that these technical, this technical expertise will help me to determine the appropriateness of proposed alterations or designating local properties. And I'm also familiar with the Scottsdale historic preservation ordinance and the properties on the local historic register. I believe that the top issue facing this commission is the rapid disappearance of these precious historic resources and to address this issue, I plan to help to educate the public on the benefits of historic preservation, and to help to promote these resources as opportunities for adaptive reuse and heritage tourism. Thank you for your consideration.

[Time: 00:30:06]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. So each Councilmember can vote once and we'll start with Councilmember Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Gerszewski.

Councilman Robbins: Alyssa Gerszewski.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Gerszewski.

Councilmember Korte: Gerszewski.

Councilman Littlefield: Same.

Mayor Lane: Alyssa Gerszewski.

Councilwoman Klapp: Alyssa Gerszewski.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. That's unanimous. Congratulations.

### **LIBRARY BOARD**

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is our Library Board there's two openings. The Library Board advises Council relating to programs and the future development of the library. The board oversees the library special revenue fund. There are two vacancies and four nominees. Hamilton Durning is unable to attend but still wishes to be considered for appointment and Dierk Seeburg has withdrawn his nomination. We will start out with Dana Braccia.

[Time: 00:31:15]

Dana Braccia: Good afternoon, Mayor Lane and members of the Council. My name is Dana Braccia. I have been a resident of Scottsdale for over 11 years and I live at 8337 Via De Luna. I have been a lifelong user of libraries and also a librarian and I'm very interested in serving on the committee, the Library Board, giving back to the community. I was a graduate of Class 20 of Scottsdale Leadership, and I think that program really instilled the desire to get involved with organizations that I care about. I was a former employee of the City of Scottsdale and worked in the library. And so bringing that experience, along with, pardon me, I'm a little shorter here. Let me bring this down a little bit. How is that? Good? In my current role, I work with the library management company overseeing 22 libraries around the United States. I'm also an A.L.A. Councilor representing the state of Arizona. I'm the past president of the Mountain Plains Library association and I'm Adjunct Instructor at the University of Arizona and the University of Kentucky teaching in their M.L.S. programs and serve on a number of staff development academies.

I think in these roles not only do I have a view of library services, what's going on nationally, and what are some of the trends we need to look at, but also thinking about how a lot of our professionals will be serving our community in the library capacity. Now on to the top issue. It's an issue facing libraries around the U.S. How to stay relevant. How to continually change services to meet the needs the community. I feel like, again, having been an employee with Scottsdale, I know the organization is very nimble and continually making these assessments, and I feel like one way to meet this challenge is, again, by oftentimes looking outside what other organizations are doing, and what's happening around the U.S. and to bring new and best ideas to the table. So I appreciate your consideration. Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you, Ms. Braccia.

Councilman Littlefield: I have a question, Vice Mayor. Do you support or oppose the proposal to close Palomino Library?

Dana Braccia: In my role as a City of Scottsdale employee, I supported the decision of the Council. I feel like it should have remained a high school library. The challenge with keeping it open is a lot of resources are now funneled into that library, that perhaps could have been, that could have been better spread throughout the community. It's always a difficult decision when you think about closing a facility to the public, but at the same time, we are looking at services that now may be a lot more online services, whether it's ebooks, virtual reference, that type of thing. Sometimes having that physical place may not be quite as important, you know, in the future. I think the community gave a lot of feedback and had a lot of passion for keeping that building open. So, I mean, I can see definitely both sides of the issue but for me as a citizen, I feel like it might have been a little bit better use of resources to keep that only as a high school library, based on the usage statistics and how many members of public actually use that and then shift that over to more heavily used facilities.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Is that it? Thank you. Okay.

Dana Braccia: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next we have Christine Naiman. It doesn't look like she's here. Is Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain?

[Time: 00:35:27]

Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain: Good evening. I'm a little taller. Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Phillips. My name is Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain, I live at 9968 East Bayview Drive and I have been a resident of Scottsdale for 11 years. I am a librarian. I am a professor, a teacher of librarians. I'm an international trainer of librarians, but most importantly, I am a user of libraries and I have a passion for libraries. And know that we need to remind everyone of their continued importance in the community. I am currently the chair of the Scottsdale Library Board. It was a tough battle but I won. While I have been on the Library Board, I have done several things in addition to attending the library meetings and other events. I initiated and have been spearheading a speaker program in which interested Library Board members have gone into the community to present the wonders of the Scottsdale public library. I have personally spoken to service groups, such as rotaries. I have spoken at the senior centers of Scottsdale and I have spoken at a number of neighborhood association groups.

In addition, I brought World Book Night to the Granite Reef Senior Center twice, providing free books to those enrolled in the lunch program, and getting a talk in about the library and reminding them that it was another place where they could get free books. I have attended the national American Library Association conferences for the past two years, at my own expense to participate in roundtables and special meetings about board members and for board members. I did this to improve my own skills

and to bring ideas and insights back to other board members. I was able to arrange for the Julie B. Jones bus to stop at the Civic Center Library last June. It's an interactive tour that was especially significant as Scottsdale author Barbara Park who recently passed, was the author of these very popular books. I was especially pleased to be able to arrange for this because the publisher had never stopped at a library before. They always went to the book stores because they wanted to sell books. But the response was huge at the library.

I'm a member of the read on Scottsdale committee, a collaboration between Scottsdale unified school district and the Scottsdale Public Library and I'm currently on the interview team for candidates seeking the position of the Scottsdale library director. A library exists to help patrons choose, use, and understand resources in all different kinds of formats. And so, of course, they provide resources. I have a great book for all of you, the librarian in me cannot resist. It's overdue. It provides programs, children's programs, adult reading, learning programs, provides opportunities, things like the Eureka Loft. It provides community, a place for people to gather, learn, and interact within the library buildings and the community in general. I believe the Scottsdale Library does a good job of providing for the public and one of the rules of board is to let the people know that we are doing a good job, but that we are also willing to listen and to improve. Doug Wilhelm an author wrote "a library is a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams." And I really believe in that. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve for the past three years and I look forward to the possibility of serving once again.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Does Council have any questions? No? Thank you. Okay. There are two vacancies, each Councilmember can vote twice and I believe we will start with Councilmember Robbins.

Councilman Robbins: Dana Braccia and Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Hamilton Durning and Chamberlain.

Councilmember Korte: Dana Braccia and Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain.

Councilman Littlefield: Durning.

Mayor Lane: Dana Braccia and Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain.

Councilwoman Klapp: Dana Braccia and Peggy Sharp-Chamberlain.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Braccia and Ms. Sharp-Chamberlain.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Excuse me, I believe Ms. Braccia and Ms. Chamberlain have been nominated.

**MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:40:41]

Vice Mayor Phillips: Next is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. There's one opening. The commission, with the assistance of city staff makes recommendations to the City Council, such as items as preserve strategy for funding, land acquisition, educational, promotion and other preserve-related issues. The nominee is, I believe, Jace McKeighan.

Rachel Smetana: Mr. McKeighan is not feeling well. He is here. I wonder if we could give him a moment or two.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay.

Rachel Smetana: We are trying to determine if Mr. McKeighan wants to continue or postpone this until another time. One more minute, please.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Okay. Thank you.

Rachel Smetana: Vice Mayor, Mayor, members of Council, Mr. McKeighan says he will be right with you. Thank you for your patience.

[Time: 00:43:52]

Jace McKeighan: Mayor Lane, Councilmembers, thank you for your patience. I appreciate that. My name is Jace McKeighan. I reside at 18264 North 94<sup>th</sup> Place. I have been a Scottsdale resident for 17 years. I have always lived within walking distance of the Preserve. I'm an avid user the Preserve and have been ever since I moved here. Since 2003, I have also been an attorney with an office here in Scottsdale. For the last several years, I have been a steward with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. I'm currently the community relations chair and have been for the last year. Recently I wrote a 1200 word article on the public/private partnership between the city and M.S.C. So I think I bring a unique set of experiences to the position.

I think the biggest issue facing the Preserve is the switch from management, or excuse me, from acquisition to management. I think what we need to do is focus on management with the same kind of focus we put into acquisition and make sure that we make sound decisions for the long term health of the Preserve. I'm a passionate believer in the Preserve. I grew up in a rural area. The only reason I live where I live is so I could have the access to this really incredible resource that we have. I have had the opportunity to use the Preserve. I've had an opportunity to work on construction and maintenance projects. I have had the opportunity to spread the message from the M.S.C. perspective about the Preserve and I would like to step in and volunteer my name to support the Preserve from the city side of things and offer the experience I have gained into this commission position. I thank you very much for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Phillips: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you. So there's one vacancy, and one

nominee. Each Councilmember can vote once. I will start out with Jace McKeighan.

Councilmember Korte: Jace McKeighan.

Councilman Littlefield: Same.

Mayor Lane: Jace McKeighan.

Councilwoman Klapp: Jace McKeighan.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. McKeighan.

Councilman Robbins: Mr. McKeighan.

Vice Mayor Phillips: I started out. It's unanimous and thank you. That concludes our interview and appointment process this afternoon. Thank you to everybody that was interviewed today. With that, I will turn the meeting back over to the Mayor.

[Time: 00:46:50]

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much, Vice Mayor and, again, from all of us, thank you for your application and your willingness to serve the city and our community and all of those who were not appointed, certainly, stay with us and apply again. So thank you very much. And with that, it concludes our only item on this special meeting, and that was the boards and commissions interviews.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 00:47:06]

Mayor Lane: And with that, I will accept a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Littlefield: So moved.

Mayor Lane: I have a lot of motions.

Councilwoman Klapp: Second.

Mayor Lane: And a second. So we are adjourned. And thank you very much.