



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona.

Members Present

Peter Cwik Committee Chair, Brian Fox Committee Member, Jen Felker Vice Chair, Cindy Banton Committee Member, Robin Jackson Committee Member

Members Absent

Amber Hutchinson Committee Member
Vernon Stewart Committee Member

Staff Present

Guy Jaques Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager, Priscilla Quintana Neighborhood Preservation Programs Manager, Phillip Hubbard Neighborhood Services Program Manager, Erica Barba Senior Management Analyst, Leticia Urrea Senior Administrative Assistant, Tawna Mower Neighborhood Preservation Analyst, Ricardo Diaz Code Inspector, Judy Crosson Code Inspector

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of June 14, 2023

Motion made by **Vice Chair Felker** to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) minutes of June 14, 2023. Motion seconded by **Committee Chair Cwik**.

Motion approved (5-0)

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

(Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the NAC from discussing an item, not on the agenda, but the NAC does listen to your concerns and has staff to follow up on any questions you raise.)

Introductions:

Mr. Jaques introduces two new members of the Neighborhood Preservation team, Ricardo Diaz, Code Inspector, and Judy Crosson, Code Inspector. Ric introduces himself as being new to Code but states that he has been with the City of Chandler for 20 years and that he did grow up in Chandler. Judy states that she is a transplant

from City of Chandler Police Department. Judy shared that she was with PD for 10 years and is now looking forward to being in Code.

Mr. Jaques states that he is happy to have both Judy and Ric and is looking forward to the future as there is a fantastic Code Enforcement team right now.

4. ACTION AGENDA

NONE

5. DISCUSSION

- a. Neighborhood Preservation Updates – Guy Jaques**, Mr. Jaques states that he was hoping to be able to introduce the new inspector from the council approved decision package, however the offer is still pending. He hopes to announce by tomorrow and will introduce the new staff member to the committee members at the next NAC meeting.

Mr. Jaques shares there is a new short-term rental ordinance. This went into effect one week ago. There has been no direct impact as of yet, however he does expect referrals from the Tax & Licensing department in the future, for enforcement of the new code.

Committee Member Stewart asks if the Governor's signature on the bill, regarding cities not taxing rentals, impacts this at all. Mrs. Barba responds that this is actually still pending, per the Governor, but will definitely affect the city, just waiting to see how it will impact. **Committee Member Stewart** asks if it is known what the financial impact will be. Mrs. Barba states that the financial cannot be determined at this time but could be in the millions. Mr. Jaques shares that there are licensing fees, as well as fees for violations, etc. Code will be enforcing those for property owners that do not get licensed properly.

- b. Neighborhood Programs Updates – Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood**, shares that this year's For Our City Day response has been great thus far. Tours of the neighborhood were conducted today with four different time options. This was probably the highest-attended tour day in the last four years. We showed the tour groups the school, park, alleyways, etc. Project information, including the scope of work, will go out to Project Leaders this week so that they can begin choosing which project will be best for their group. Last year, we had 32 home paint projects, while this year we will only be doing 10 home paint projects, plus an additional nine projects for the community wall facing Chandler Blvd. Also, there will be alleyway clean-up projects, gravel projects and

yard work projects. Every For Our City Day neighborhood has different needs and we want to always be sure to be taking care of their specific needs. This year will look a bit different with a lot of alleyways and that community wall. Patti Serrano, school board member, was on one of the tours and will be working with a team to clean up one of the alleyways during For Our City Day. Please sign up for a time to assist with the NAC booth on event day. Mrs. Quintana also states that NAC members are also welcome to sign up for a project if they would like. We will get information out as soon as possible.

Home Depot is coming in with a minimum donation of \$10,000.00 this year. Waste Management is still negotiating a bit, as this neighborhood is much larger, with more homes, and we will need additional dumpsters. We are probably looking at a minimum of 20 of the large roll-off dumpsters. Jacobs is again sponsoring at the \$5,000.00 level and Viavi has taken on the t-shirt sponsorship again (\$5,000.00). Mrs. Quintana asks that is the committee members know of anyone, or have connections with anyone, who would like to donate to please send them her way. Would like to get a few more donors to supplement the food for volunteers and the Celebration in the Park.

Mrs. Quintana shares that along the same lines, as with any City of Chandler event, we have to present to the Special Events Committee regarding the Celebration in the Park. She will share more about that at the next NAC meeting.

Next week is the third planning meeting. So far there has been a great response to For Our City Day and the planning meetings have been very well attended. This third meeting is historically question-heavy, which is always helpful for project leads who attend. The meeting will again be at Tumbleweed Recreation Center at 11:00 a.m. on August 16 and will last for about an hour and a half. That is it for now, regarding For Our City Day, but please be looking for the project information to be going out next week.

G.A.I.N. Kick-off will be held on Saturday, 9/16/23, at 9:00 a.m. at the downtown Chandler police department, in the community room, and the calendar invite will be coming out soon. Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods is put on by the Police Department but supported by Neighborhood Programs. Voting for the MNEA (Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards) has been extended, so is still open but will be closing on 8/25/23. The top three neighborhoods with the most votes will be given to the Mayor, who will make his selection for the "Mayor's Choice Award" and then we will determine the winner of the "People's Choice

Award". The neighborhoods who won last year's awards will not be eligible to win again this year. Those who did win last year will be receiving their monies to utilize for their G.A.I.N. event this year. Tawna and I will create the tour for G.A.I.N. night. Mrs. Quintana asks that all NAC members please put this event on their calendars as this will be a great time to get into the neighborhoods, eat food and have fun!

Mrs. Quintana shares that the Neighborhood Assistance Program (Grants) process has been updated and apologizes if anyone has applied and received their application kicked back. For example, Committee Chair Cwik's neighborhood did apply and had their application kicked back. However, everyone can now go in and reapply with the new dollar amounts in place, which are: NICE up to \$1200.00, HOA Matching up to \$12,000.00, Neighborhood Enhancement up to \$12,000.00, and TNR staying the same at \$1000.00. Mrs. Quintana states hopes that people will be thinking about their neighborhoods and spreading the information to others, as well, to apply. Council has awarded some monies for the assistance programs and we want neighborhoods to utilize it.

Mrs. Quintana states that this is all she has for Neighborhood Programs updates and shares that the next NAC meeting will be September 12. In the meantime, we will be sending out notices and calendar invites for all events coming up, as there will be a lot going on.

c. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Cwik asks how many projects will there be this year, compared to last year. Mrs. Quintana responds last year there were 54 total projects and this year projecting around 45, but do not have a final number as of today. Mr. Jaques states that the community wall project is actually a direct result of resident code complaints, which were deferred knowing that For Our City Day would be held in Colonia Coronita this year.

Committee Chair Cwik states that it seems like we would need less volunteers this year, with less painting projects and less projects overall. Mrs. Quintana responds that it is actually quite the opposite, as we had 20 volunteers from Scheel's come out to one of the Colonia Coronita alleyways last spring to do a clean up service project. They were there for four hours and only got through about half of that alleyway. There will also be a lot of rain between now and event day, causing even more weed growth. The plan is to really clean these alleyways

up, as they are used for throughways for students trying to get to school, bus stops, etc. The community wall is in a highly visible area, so it will need to be done well. It is quite lengthy, as well, and will need to be broken down into at least 13 projects. We will also be adding additional projects, such as help with the Celebration in the Park, booth set up, variety show, set up, clean up, etc.

Committee Chair Cwik asks if the people who came on the tours were single volunteers, organization leaders, or other. Mrs. Quintana replies that it was a little bit of everything; residents, project leaders, non-profit groups and other organizations.

Committee Chair Cwik asks if there are any other questions or comments from the committee members and there are none.

Calendar:

For Our City Day Planning Meeting #3: August 16, 2023, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 745 E Germann Rd, Chandler, AZ 85286

G.A.I.N. Kick-off: September 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., downtown City of
Chandler Police Department, Community Room, 250 E Chicago St, Chandler, AZ
85225

f. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Peter Cwik, Chair



Tawna Mower, Recording Secretary