



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Members Present

Peter Cwik, Chair; Jen Felker, Vice Chair; Robin Jackson, Committee Member; Brian Fox, Committee Member (via phone); Heather Anguiano, Committee Member, Melinda Hamilton, Committee Member

Members Absent

Amber Hutchinson, Committee Member (unexcused)

Staff Present

Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director; Guy Jaques, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager; Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Programs Manager; Erica Barba, Neighborhood Services Program Manager; Tawna Mower, Neighborhood Preservation Analyst; Leticia Urrea, Administrative Assistant Senior

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Neighborhood Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2025

Motion made by **Committee Member Peter Cwik** to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) minutes of February 11, 2025.

Motion approved (6-0)

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.

- a. Mr. Jaques introduced Omar Montiel, the new Alley Maintenance Technician, including that there has been a revamp of the alley program and that he is excited for this new, fresh start. There are 139 miles of alleyway in Chandler. The Alley Maintenance Program starts with literature educating the residents about what their alleyway responsibilities are. Then, two week later, Mr. Montiel will go out to those same alleyways and note violations that are still existing and send information to those residents regarding how to become code compliant. This usually results in about 80% voluntary compliance. Those who do not comply are referred to Code Enforcement.

Mr. Montiel shared that he has lived in Arizona his entire life and started with the City of Chandler in the Parks and Recreation Department about two and a half years ago. Mr. Montiel went on to say that he is really looking forward to rolling new things out and that is going very well in his new position.

4. DISCUSSION

- a. **Neighborhood Resources Updates – Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director**, shared that there was a workshop this past week to kick off the General Plan and goes on to ask that the Neighborhood Advisory Committee members look for opportunities to provide input for that plan. Ms. Powell also notes that she will be sure to share the community input with the NAC members when it becomes available.

Ms. Powell also shared that it is expected that there will be information brought to the NAC members regarding the Comprehensive Housing Plan, possibly for the July or August meeting, as well as possible changes to Auxiliary Structures this fall.

- b. **Neighborhood Preservation Updates –Guy Jaques, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager**, Mr. Jaques shared that Code Enforcement will be hosting another Resident Academy, which will consist of three classes over a three-week period of time, starting in June.

Mrs. Barba added that the first Resident Academy in February was well attended, with 27 people registered. The next sessions will be on June 11, 18 and 26 and are to be held at the ASU Innovation Center. The focus of these classes is to educate residents on property codes in order to help keep our Chandler neighborhoods beautiful.

Mr. Jaques included that specifically they will educate on what is a violation, what is not a violation, how violations are enforced, and how we work together with Neighborhood Programs. There has been positive feedback from the classes and the team is excited to continue, looking forward to the June sessions. Mr. Jaques encouraged the NAC members to spread the word and consider attending.

Committee Chair Cwik asked if most attendees were HOA or traditional neighborhood residents. Mrs. Barba responded that about 8 were HOA and the rest traditional.

Committee Chair Cwik asked what these HOA residents were hoping to get from the classes. Mrs. Barba responded that the HOA attendees seemed to specifically be wondering where their CC&Rs stop, and the Code Enforcement starts and where they overlap.

c. Neighborhood Programs Updates – Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Program Manager

Mrs. Quintana formally introduced new NAC member, Melinda Hamilton.

Committee Member Hamilton shared that she has been a Chandler resident for 14 years, worked at Banner MD Anderson and retired two years ago. She had asked Mayor Hartke a couple of questions and he is actually the person who suggested that she apply for the NAC.

All of the NAC members then introduced themselves to the new Committee Member, Melinda Hamilton.

Mrs. Quintana formally congratulated Committee Member Robin Jackson for being reappointed and thanked her for continuing her service on the NAC.

Mrs. Quintana shared that during next Monday's City Council Meeting, For Our City Day sponsors would be recognized during a special public appearance and encourages the NAC members to please attend.

Mrs. Quintana also shared that the Golden Neighbors Program just celebrated it's fourth birthday with an event in the City Hall Courtyard, which was beautiful. There were 63 senior citizens that joined in the event and City departments were invited to have a table to share out their information pertinent to the seniors of Chandler. There were give aways, raffle prizes, supply kits, delicious food and more. Mrs. Quintana reminded the NAC members that the Golden Neighbors Program is always accepting donations, both monetary and supplies, and to please send people our way if they are interested in donating.

Mrs. Quintana shared with the NAC members that this year's NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) Conference was coming up the following week. This year Neighborhood Programs is a finalist for the Best Neighborhood Program award for the Let's Pull Together in honor of Cesar Chavez event that took place last March 2024. The team will be sharing how this program evolved from an event with 200 volunteers and participants to now combining with the annual For Our City Day annually. The Neighborhood Resources Department team will also be teaching a workshop about how the department's divisions work together to "Build Bridges One Gap at a Time" and is excited to share how well our divisions work together, how services and resources overlap. Mrs. Quintana shared that there were already 62 people from across the country signed up for the class.

Mrs. Quintana shared that the summer is a quieter time, which allows the Neighborhood Programs team to focus on Neighborhood Registration. In June we celebrate one year of the new Neighborhood Registration platform, which is accessible and visual to all residents. Neighborhoods do need to reapply every 12 months to ensure that we have the most accurate information for them. This ensures that they can apply for Assistance Programs and receive important information from the City for their neighborhood community. Mrs. Quintana reminds the NAC members to please check to see if their neighborhoods are registered and, if not, to please help them to do so. There are so many resources for neighborhoods that many do not know of.

Mrs. Quintana shared that the NAC elections will be next month for both Chair and Vice Chair. Committee Chair Cwik and Committee Vice Chair Felker will not be eligible to run again for their positions as they have already served the limit. Mrs. Quintana urged the other committee members to consider these opportunities. Mrs. Quintana also reminded all that attendance for NAC meetings is very important as we are sharing updates for residents and neighborhoods, as well as inviting other department and divisions to do so, and resident representation is imperative. Please RSVP for the meetings and plan to be in attendance.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Committee Vice Chair Felker inquired as to whether there are any field-trips coming up for the NAC members. Mrs. Quintana shared that arrangements can definitely be made if there are other departments or areas of the City of Chandler that the NAC members would like to see and learn more about. Mrs. Quintana asked that members please email her their suggestions.

Committee Chair Cwik reminded the committee members that seeing other areas and departments helps the NAC members to be able to share information with other residents of Chandler, and added that it is great to learn and see as much as possible. Ms. Powell suggested that maybe the newly renovated Tumbleweed Recreation Center would be a good place to visit and learn about their new and existing programming.

Committee Chair Cwik welcomed Committee Member Hamilton, once again, as well as recognized the service that Committee Member Stewart gave throughout his time on the NAC, and stated that he appreciated his commitment.

Committee Chair Cwik went on to thank the other NAC members for their support and help at For Our City Day, which was a great event with the weather being much more agreeable in March than it has been in the previous years of October.

Committee Chair Cwik then proceeded to read through the calendar items.

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2025 For Our City Day-In Honor of Cesar Chavez Sponsor Recognition at City Council Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Peter Cwik

Peter Cwik, Chair

Tawna L. Mower

Tawna Mower, Recording Secretary