



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Members Present

Jen Felker, Vice Chair; Amber Hutchinson, Committee Member; Robin Jackson, Committee Member; Melinda Hamilton, Committee Member

Members Absent

Peter Cwik, Chair (excused); Heather Anguiano, Committee Member (excused); Brian Fox, 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; Amy Jacobson, Housing & Redevelopment Senior Manager; Lauren Schumann, Principal Planner; 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 6:01 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Neighborhood Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2025

Motion made by Vice Chair **Jen Felker** to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) minutes of May 13, 2025.

Motion approved (4-0)

3. ACTION AGENDA

a. Neighborhood Advisory Committee Chair Election

Mrs. Quintana shared that Committee Chair Cwik has completed his term as Chair and is no longer eligible for Chair or Vice Chair positions due to time served already in those capacities. She then asked if there was

anyone on the NAC who would be interested in one of these positions, or that would like to nominate someone for one of these positions.

Committee Member Jackson, nominates **Vice Chair Felker** for the new NAC Chair. **Vice Chair Felker** accepts the nomination and members vote. Motion passes (4-0)

b. Neighborhood Advisory Committee Vice Chair Election

Committee Chair Felker, nominates **Committee Member Jackson** for the new NAC Vice Chair. **Committee Member Jackson** accepts the nomination and members vote. Motion passes (4-0)

4. BRIEFING

- a. Comprehensive Housing Plan Draft – Amy Jacobson Housing & Redevelopment Senior Manager**, introduced the outside consultant, Rick Merritt, with Elliot D. Pollack & Company and turned the time over to him. Mr. Merritt then begins his presentation (please refer to the attached presentation).

Vice Chair Felker asked whether the numbers are higher than in the past for those needing new housing.

Mr. Merritt responded that many people try to save for a down payment while currently renting, however owning requires a big down payment these days, which is difficult for people to save while renting, as rents are also very high.

- b. Neighborhood Resources Updates – Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director**, shared that much time has been spent on the broader topic of housing and added that she is hoping for new programs to be rolling out in the next year or so. These programs would focus on housing and neighborhoods.

- c. Neighborhood Preservation Updates –Guy Jaques, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager**, reminded everyone that there is a special election coming up on November 4, 2025. With that, political signs can be back out, as soon as 71 days prior to that election date, which would be August 25, 2025. He said that intersections will be inundated with political and bandit signs and that Code Enforcement will not be able to pull any until after election season. This is due to the Supreme Court decision on U.S. vs. Town of Gilbert, which states that signs cannot be pulled based on

content. Sign pulling will pick back up 15 days after the election, so just after Thanksgiving.

- d. Neighborhood Programs Updates – Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Program Manager,** shared that during the month of May the Neighborhood Programs team went to the annual NUSA Conference, coming away as finalist for the Let's Pull Together-In Honor of Cesar Chavez event. She also shared that the Neighborhood Resources team had the opportunity to teach a workshop regarding Neighborhood Resources and how all the divisions work with each other, as well as other City departments. The workshop was very successful with many follow up questions and kudos.

Mrs. Quintana shared that there is a lot of education planning going on this summer and that now that For Our City Day is in the Spring, classes like Good Neighbor 101 will move to Fall. There will be at least three sessions for the Good Neighbor 101 series. HOA Academy will remain virtual only and may also happen in the Fall. More information will be shared as it is available.

Mrs. Quintana shared that the first part of June marked one year of the Neighborhood Registration being revamped. The first step for a neighborhood applying for assistance programs is to register with Neighborhood Programs. The transparency of the new Neighborhood Registration webpage allows everyone to see which neighborhoods are registered and whether they have any assistance programs open. She stated that they are always looking to streamline these processes and make them easier for residents, and added that new funding begins July 1, 2025, and to please encourage others to apply.

Mrs. Quintana reminded everyone that during May of 2024, the City entered a contract with Saving One Life (SOL) for the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program. She stated that things are going well and that they are now reviewing things to refigure the next contract and what may need to be added or revised.

Mrs. Quintana finished with Let's Pull Together information, stating that it has been difficult to find volunteers to help those that have an LPT request. This is not unusual due to the extreme heat, people's children being out of school and possible traveling occurring for volunteers. She also shared that the next day there would be some volunteers assisting a senior citizen in removing many items from the front yard of their home and getting these items into dumpsters that have been placed in the neighborhood for a neighborhood clean-up. Mrs. Quintana said that this project could use additional volunteers if anyone was interested in helping.

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MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

The Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Award nominations and voting will be open from Sunday, July 27, through Sunday, August 24, 2025.

CALENDAR

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

JEN FELKER

Jen Felker, Chair

Tawna L. Mower

Tawna Mower, Recording Secretary