



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Members Present

Jen Felker, Chair; Amber Hutchinson, Committee Member; Melinda Hamilton, Committee Member; Peter Cwik, Committee Member; Heather Anguiano, Committee Member

Members Absent

Robin Jackson, Vice Chair (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; Tawna Mower, Neighborhood Preservation Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Neighborhood Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2025

Motion made by Committee Member **Heather Anguiano** to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) minutes of June 17, 2025.

Motion approved (5-0)

3. ACTION AGENDA

4. BRIEFING

a. Neighborhood Resources Updates – Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director, shared that, City Manager, Josh Wright, has taken a position at U of A and is now gone from the City of Chandler. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager, will also be leaving at the end of August. The City is currently internally recruiting for this Deputy City Manager position, which will be headed by the acting City Manager, John Pombier.

Committee Member Cwik asked when the permanent City Manager will be chosen.

Ms. Powell answered that the language is being reconfigured for the City Manager position. Once that is completed, the active recruitment for the position will begin, adding that we will keep the Neighborhood Advisory Committee informed as possible.

Ms. Powell also shared that there was a work session for the Mayor and Council regarding the comprehensive housing plan that she spoke about last month. There will be two additional listening sessions this week for the public to provide input. Ms. Powell stated that, in the future, she will present to the NAC regarding the small development plans for the Historic South Chandler area, provided by a small development company who presented yesterday as well. There is new legislation at the state level, with the idea behind it being “off the shelf” plans being available for commonly built buildings such as duplexes, etc. With the “off the shelf” type plans there is less cost and approvals move much quicker. Council is excited about the Historic South Chandler plans.

Ms. Powell went on to share that the City has land set aside for Neighborhood Resources for additional public housing projects but not for large multi family, per resident concerns. There is a need for about 25,000 units across the City of Chandler, to improve affordable housing. The plans being looked at were very well received by the Historic South Chandler residents.

Ms. Powell relayed that the team is also looking into a program called “Love Your Block” (learned of this at the NUSA conference this year), where monies are awarded to revitalize neighborhoods home by home, instead of only funding large neighborhood projects like park improvements.

- b. Neighborhood Preservation Updates –Guy Jaques, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager** reminded the group that with the November bond election coming up, political signs will be going up as early as the end of August. There is no sign pulling happening during election season, unless something is posted in the direct line of sight at an intersection or

something of that nature. All staff will go out when that election period is complete for a major sign clean up.

Mr. Jaques also shared that he participated in a Council Subcommittee Meeting a couple of weeks ago, along with Ms. Powell, where they presented to Councilmembers regarding bird feeding in our Chandler neighborhoods. This topic was sparked by multiple resident complaints. Mr. Jaques relayed that they were tasked with researching how these issues are handled in other cities, are there specific codes for bird feeding, how do they write code violations for this issue, and so on. As of right now, Code Enforcement has no way to address this type of violation in Chandler, unless an "infestation", or an accumulation of bird waste, can be shown. The biggest problem with this is that the waste is usually on the complainant's property, not the property of the person they are reporting on. The Councilmembers asked for more information and research. Once this has been achieved, they will reconvene to discuss further.

Committee Member Hutchinson asked what Tempe's ordinance states.

Mr. Jaques replied that the Tempe code pertains to excessive feeding on private property. Ms. Powell added that "excessive feeding" is a very hard code to enforce as you must be able to see the issue, being the excessive bird waste and feed, which is usually in the backyard of properties and staff cannot use neighbor photos to view this. Mr. Jaques stated that they will be meeting with the City Attorney to look at current ordinances and discuss whether there is a way to add to existing codes, or change them, in order help with this issue.

Mr. Jaques also shared that there is a new Neighborhood Preservation Officer, Zack Charnofsky, and that he is hoping to introduce him at the next NAC meeting.

- c. **Neighborhood Programs Updates – Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Program Manager**, stated that fall events are kicking off and proceeded to give updates on the following:

Good Neighbor 101 – usually in the spring but has been moved to fall due to the change in the annual For Our City Day. There will be classes each Wednesday in September and attendees will be hearing from

Neighborhood Programs, Economic Development, Parks Maintenance and Operations, and Water Treatment this year.

G.A.I.N. Kick-Off Event – This year's kick-off event will be held on September 20. This is a PD event and Neighborhood Programs supports them. For a neighborhood to participate in G.A.I.N. a representative must attend the kick-off event. The Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Award winners will also be announced at the kick-off event.

M.N.E.A.- The nomination period is now closed, and voting opens tomorrow. Please spread the word for all to vote.

Golden Neighbors – The Golden Neighbors season is kicking off on September 11 with Oak Street Health.

Galveston – The capital improvement projects are ending and the Envision Committee, along with the stakeholder group, are planning a neighborhood celebration for November 6, highlighting all that the improvements that have happened in the neighborhood (the new elementary school, the park remodel, the water retention project and so on).

Ms. Quintana also shared that Neighborhood Programs has renamed the Neighborhood Assistance Program to Neighborhood Support Program. She continued by showing the updated webpage information to the NAC committee and encouraged them to look over it when they have some time and let her know if they find any of the information confusing, or if they see additional edits that might be needed and so on. She reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Programs team is always looking for ways to simplify program information and applications, while staying within the parameters that we are tasked with.

Committee Member Cwik asked for the time of the Good Neighbor 101 classes.

Ms. Quintana replied that all classes are from 4-5:30 p.m.

Committee Member Cwik asked, regarding the M.N.E.A. is it by percentage or total votes.

Ms. Quintana replied that the winners are determined by percentage and reminded all that you can log in one time per day to vote while the voting window is open.

Committee Member Cwik asked whether information provided on Neighborhood Registration applications is visible to the public, and, if so, does it have to be.

Ms. Quintana answered that it is public information and that there is to provide transparency, as this is a tool that all residents can utilize to connect with their neighborhood leaders, enabling them to work together and share information with each other and so on. If there is a neighborhood leader who is going to apply for Neighborhood Registration, they can always decide if they would like to create a new email address specifically for their neighborhood role and correspondence.

Committee Member Cwik asked that as approach the end of this current year and begin putting together the NAC calendar for 2026, could all the NAC regular meetings remain on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ms. Quintana replied that yes, meetings will remain on the second Tuesday of each month.

MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Committee Member Anguiano brought up a question from someone who knew she was on the NAC. They were looking for more information on the City of Chandler laws and regulations pertaining to E-bikes.

Ms. Quintana stated that she would find and provide contact information as soon as possible, so that Ms. Anguiano could get answers from the correct department, ensuring that it would be the most helpful and accurate information.

CALENDAR

Golden Neighbors Adult Diaper Drive Through Pick Up, Thursday, Aug.14, 9-11 a.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

Good Neighbor 101, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 4-5:30 p.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Good Neighbor 101, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 4-5:30 p.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Golden Neighbors, Oak Street Health Event, Thursday, Sept. 11, 9:30-11 a.m., 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Good Neighbor 101, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4-5:30 p.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

G.A.I.N. Kick-Off Event, Saturday, September 20, 2025, 9-11 a.m., Chandler Police Department Community Room, 250 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Good Neighbor 101, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4-5:30 p.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E. Chicago Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Jen Felker, Chair



Tawna Mower, Recording Secretary