



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., Neighborhood Resources Office, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225.

Members Present

Jen Felker, Chair; Melinda Hamilton, Committee Member; Peter Cwik, Committee Member; Heather Anguiano, Committee Member; Robin Jackson, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:08 pm)

Members Absent

Amber Hutchinson, Committee Member (unexcused)

Staff Present

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

Residents Present

Shalini Iyer and Nancy Wittenberg

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Neighborhood Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2025

Motion made by Committee Member Hamilton to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) minutes of September 9, 2025.

Motion approved (4-0)

3. ACTION AGENDA

4. BRIEFING

- a. Introduction of Riann Balch, Neighborhood Resources Director** – Ms. Balch shared that she has been with Neighborhood Resources for the past 8

years as the Division Manager for Community Development, working with federal funds, affordable housing, public services for low to moderate income residents of Chandler, crisis services for rent and utilities, homeless services and a bit of time with overseeing Code Enforcement while in transition a while ago. Prior to the City of Chandler she worked at the City of Phoenix in their domestic violence services, working with the police department and the director's office. Ms. Balch shared that she is the Executive Director of the Arizona Housing Coalition. She has lived in Chandler for most of her life and is really looking forward to her new role and is excited about continuing the great work that is done each day in Neighborhood Resources.

Ms. Balch then turned the time over to Matt Dunbar for the bond election discussion.

- b. Bond Election Discussion - Matt Dunbar, Budget & Policy Director, Management Services,** Please see the attached presentation.

Committee Member Cwik asked what the anticipated interest rate is.

Mr. Dunbar replied that it is estimated at 5%, though will never be higher than that, and usually lower.

Committee Member Cwik stated that he understands that the 5% has been budgeted for but what will it be.

Mr. Dunbar replied that it will be right around the 3% to 4% range, though in January it may go down to 3.5% or 3.6%.

Committee Member Cwik asked when there is a capital improvement project, such as the fire station, are the crews/staff relocated during the improvements.

Mr. Dunbar that it can go either way, sometimes they stay where they are and other times the improvements cause them to need to be moved to another station close-by.

Committee Member Cwik asked how long that team could have to be relocated to another station due to improvement projects.

Mr. Dunbar replied that it is around an 8-month window, though could change with construction timelines.

Committee Member Cwik asked why the language has to be so difficult, as it makes it hard to know which way to vote, very confusing.

Mr. Dunbar stated that he could not comment on why it was crafted that way, that the language is determined by other entities.

Ms. Balch added that during the council meetings there was much more interpretation of and clarifying language in the presentation format.

Committee Member Cwik asked why it was necessary to mention that the City Manager serves at the pleasure of the City Council.

Mr. Dunbar stated that he is unaware as to why that verbiage was included and that it was, again, most likely up to the legal department.

Committee Member Cwik verified that the monies are for capital improvement projects, not operating costs.

Mr. Dunbar replied that was correct.

Committee Member Cwik asked in regard to the street projects, what happens if they are not passed.

Mr. Dunbar responds that if the bond does not pass then they will stretch what they have as much as possible and put it back out to voters the next year, or find some general funds, though that is a struggle as general funds have been earmarked for other items, meaning some of those general fund items would then have to wait and more pressing items would come first, core things, such as safety and streets.

Committee Member Hamilton asked where station 4 is located.

Mr. Dunbar responded that it is at Kyrene and Chandler Blvd.

The committee thanked Mr. Dunbar for the information.

- c. **Neighborhood Preservation Updates –Guy Jaques, Neighborhood Preservation Senior Manager** shared that the month of October is Code Enforcement appreciation month and that there was an official proclamation read at last night's Council Meeting by the Mayor, who expressed appreciation for all that the Code Team does in the Chandler community.

Ms. Barba added that it was a nice presentation and that it comes on the heels of the Code Team being awarded the Arizona Code Enforcement Association's 2025 Code Enforcement Department of the Year Award and went on to mention that they are now on to the national award level and hope to be bringing that one home to Chandler as well.

Mr. Jaques stated that they really focused this year on the Code Enforcement Academy and changing the name of Code Enforcement Officers to Neighborhood Preservation Officer, creating a more positive feel, conveying the desire to work with the Chandler residents.

- d. **Neighborhood Programs Updates – Priscilla Quintana, Neighborhood Preservation Program Manager** shared updates on programs as follows:

G.A.I.N.- This Saturday is the annual G.A.I.N. event, put on by Chandler PD. There are a few changes to the way that Mayor and Council will participate, in hopes of connecting them with Neighborhood Preservation Officers and the residents of the neighborhoods that they are responsible for. This year, NAC members are excused from attending the neighborhood tour of the G.A.I.N. events, as many are helping to host their own neighborhoods' events. This year we have 31 neighborhoods registered to participate on G.A.I.N. night.

CTA Humphrey Fall Festival – This is the first time we have been invited to participate. We will partner with different City departments and divisions, such as PD, Fire, Courts, Library and the Museum, to share information with residents.

Chandler Gilbert Community College – We are partnering with CGCC volunteers for two upcoming volunteer projects. One will have the volunteers distributing flyers for the upcoming Envision Galveston event on November 6. The other will be sharing information with the Traditions East neighborhood, regarding the For Our City Day in honor of Cesar Chavez survey.

Envision Galveston Gazelle Meadows Park Celebration – On Thursday, November 6, from 3-6 p.m., we will be in the Galveston neighborhood. Specifically, we will be at Gazelle Meadows Park, celebrating the completion of all of the capital improvement projects that the residents and the city have worked together to get completed. There will be information booths, games, food trucks, etc. NAC help is much appreciated, and it is a great opportunity to be out in the community talking with residents and sharing resources.

Golden Neighbors Annual Holiday Celebration – The annual celebration will be held on Thursday, December 11. More information to come.

Committee Member Anguiano asked if a flyer has been shared with Principal Alcala at Galveston, so that he can get information out to the Galveston families.

Ms. Quintana shared regarding the scavenger hunt card that was sent out via mail to each home in the neighborhood, as well as the card that the on-foot CGCC volunteers will deliver to each home. The idea is to get residents out in the community to connect with each of the improvements recently completed in their area.

Committee Member Cwik commented really liking the idea of the scavenger hunt, not just getting them out to the improved areas, but also that they have it ahead of time and can make the time to do it and bring their card to the park celebration and be part of the raffle.

CALENDAR

G.A.I.N. Event, Saturday, October 18, 2025, 3:45-6 p.m., Neighborhood Resources, 235 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

CTA Humphrey Annual Fall Fair, Friday, October 24, 2025, 4-7 p.m., 125 S. 132nd Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Envision Event – Gazelle Meadows Park Celebration, Thursday, November 6, 2025, 3-6 p.m., 500 N. Exeter Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

Golden Neighbors Event – Making the Most of Your Doctor's Appointment, Thursday, November 13, 2025, 9:30-11 a.m., ASU Innovation Center, 249 E.

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Golden Neighbors Event – Thankful for Resources, Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:30-11 a.m., City Hall Parking Garage, 240 S. Washington Street, Chandler, AZ 85225

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

JEN FELKER

Jen Felker, Chair

Tawna L. Mower

Tawna Mower, Recording Secretary