



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

**COMMUNITY DESIGN STUDIO - NAVE
7506 EAST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

PRESENT: Jonathan Budwig, Vice Chair
Larry Hewitt, Commissioner
Louise Lamb, Commissioner
Carol Miraldi, Commissioner
Rachel Putman, Commissioner
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Commissioner

ABSENT: William James, Chair

STAFF: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Nick Carroll, Planner
Cristina Lenko, Public Information Officer
Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:01 p.m. A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as stated above.

Public Comment

No comments were submitted.

1. Approve Draft Summary Meeting Minutes June 22, 2022

Chair James called for comments/corrections. There were no corrections.

VICE CHAIR BUDWIG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER LAMB

SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, MIRALDI, PUTMAN AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Scottsdale Trails Maintenance Program

Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, noted that no public comments had been received for this item.

Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the City's trail system, which consists of approximately 160 miles of existing non-Preserve trails (unpaved, decomposed granite). They are shared use for walking, biking and riding horses. The Trail Maintenance Program has been in development for some time. The Scottsdale Revised Code requires owners of property adjacent to right-of-way to conduct routine property maintenance to keep the property and adjacent right-of-way orderly and safe. They must also maintain their own property so that it does not interfere with public uses of the right-of-way. Citizens and staff may report issues with maintenance through Scottsdale AZ.

The Scottsdale Design Standards and Policies Manual (DSPM) provides detailed information on nonpaved trails and maintenance guidance. A brief overview of maintenance requirements was provided. The Transportation Action Plan (TAP) was adopted by City Council in April, 2022. Within the TAP, there are goals, policies and performance measures for all aspects of transportation, including trail maintenance. One trail element goal states that the City shall educate the public regarding easements and maintenance responsibilities, obstruction removal and realignment. The City also tracks the mileage of rehabilitated trails per year. The City's trail network exists on both rights-of-way and easements.

Ms. Conklu discussed the City's trail maintenance outreach plan, which improves communications to the public. The most recent inventory of the network was completed in July. Screenshots were provided of sample locations and conditions. Analysis was completed of parcels adjacent to trails and highlights of the result details was provided. In June 2022, a trail maintenance webpage was designed with the intent to educate the public about available resources and responsibilities. Next steps were reviewed.

Commissioner Putman inquired as to why trails fall under Transportation as opposed to Parks and Recreation. Ms. Conklu stated that in the past, trails outside the Preserve were governed by Preserve staff. It came into the Transportation Department in 2007. Many trails are along roadway corridors, which is why it made sense to bring it within the Transportation Department.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock opined that the most effective way to assist homeowners with doing a better job of maintenance is through direct letters. It might be possible to solicit volunteers for cleanup of a trail segment. It might also be helpful to communicate with residents through the Scottsdale Realtors Association.

3. Scottsdale Sustainability Plan Overview

Mr. Yaron stated that no public comments had been received for this item.

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, provided an overview of the development of the Scottsdale First Sustainability Plan, including sections covering equitable community, community services, character and arts, economic vitality, education and lifelong learning. Community engagement efforts have included multiple presentations and input with the Environmental Advisory Commission. Workshops were held in May, 2022, where over 450 ideas and suggestions were collected. Some of the main ideas focused on trees, open space, wastewater, heat mitigation, economic development, attracting green business and increasing affordable housing. City agencies also submitted input and ideas and assisted with guidance on expansion and improvement of existing departmental work. A framework for the plan was created utilizing a systems approach. A total of 15 overall topics were identified. Presentations to City commissions are ongoing, as are community workshops.

Commissioner Putman asked about ideas for a Blue Zone in Scottsdale. Ms. McNeilly stated that it is hoped that Scottsdale will consider goals in regards to developing a Blue Zone.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock asked about the time frame for completion and implementation of the plan. Ms. McNeilly estimated it to be roughly a 10-year plan.

There was discussion regarding the need and desire for shade tree planting combined with the need for water conservation.

Commissioner Miraldi inquired as to outreach to the Scottsdale School District. Ms. McNeilly stated that there have not yet been conversations, however, this is an approach they would like to pursue. There have been discussions regarding having sustainability officers in schools.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock noted the presence of unused or potentially unused alley space in southern Scottsdale as a way to organize community gardens. Ms. McNeilly noted that such programs require strong partnerships with organizations and community groups. Suggestions for getting started as well as for providing community contacts would be welcome.

Commissioner Schwartz-Manock asked for ways that the Commission can support the plan. Ms. McNeilly noted that since the Commission provides grants, they are familiar with groups in the City who have done important work in this area. Mr. Yaron added that he would be happy to discuss with Ms. McNeilly the current NEGP criteria. The next NEGP application discussions will take place in January. Adaption of current criteria to incorporate goals, purposes and elements of this discussion can be added as an agenda item in January.

Ms. McNeilly provided an overview of the timeline, which includes presentation and potential adoption by City Council on December 7th.

Commissioner Lamb asked about artificial grass as an alternative. Ms. McNeilly stated that artificial grass can become very hot in the summer months and does require some water for cleaning.

4. Spirit of Scottsdale Program Update

Mr. Yaron noted that no public comments have been received. There has been an open call for submissions since late spring. Submissions are expected to run through the end of December. The Commission will review and consider submissions during its January, 2023 meeting. To date, there have been 16 submissions for one organization, one submission for an additional organization and one individual submission. As there is a less than robust list of submissions, he requested that Commissioners communicate about the program to community stakeholders in terms of completing submissions by the end of the year.

Commissioner Hewitt asked about the City's method of communicating about the program to residents. Mr. Yaron stated that it is done through various social media channels, a Planning and Zoning link and associated with other neighborhood programs.

Commissioner Putman suggested setting up a table at the farmer's market to discuss the program with attendees and distribute written program materials. Mr. Yaron stated that he would gather information and provide it at the next Commission meeting. A Commissioner suggested that flyers could also be provided at the Ambassador carts in Old Town.

5. NAC Meeting Dates in November and December 2022.

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming meeting schedule, including the possibility of participating in a volunteer event in lieu of a meeting.

COMMISSIONER PUTMAN MOVED TO RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER 23, 2022 MEETING TO NOVEMBER 30, 2022 AND CANCEL THE DECEMBER, 2022 MEETING IN LIEU OF A POTENTIAL EVENT, PENDING INPUT FROM STAFF. COMMISSIONER HEWITT SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) WITH VICE CHAIR BUDWIG AND COMMISSIONERS HEWITT, LAMB, MIRALDI, PUTMAN AND SCHWARTZ-MANOCK VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. Identification of Future Agenda Items

The Commission requested the following items:

- Spirit of Scottsdale Award update
- Sustainability follow up

7. Staff Updates

The next meeting is November 30, 2022. Commissioner's Miraldi's last meeting will be in November/December. Applications for a replacement are due by November 10.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Budwig declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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