



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

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

Community Design Studio – Nave  
7506 East Indian School Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Larry Hewitt, Chair  
Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Doty Brady  
Craig Handzlik  
Richard Siegel

**ABSENT:** George Spatola

**STAFF:** Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison  
Adam Yaron, Long Range Planning  
David Pino, Code Enforcement Supervisor  
Dale Wiebusch, Government Relations Director

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Schwartz-Manock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment – Non-Agendized Items**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## MINUTES

### 1. Approval of the January 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

VICE-CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 22, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR HEWITT, VICE-CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK, COMMISSIONERS DOTY BRADY, HANDZLIK, AND SIEGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 2. Scottsdale Government Relations – 2025 Legislative Agenda

Dale Wiebusch, Government Relations Director, gave a presentation on Scottsdale's 2025 Legislative Agenda, focusing on items related to Scottsdale neighborhoods. His presentation included extensive discussion regarding the status of bills related to housing and short-term rentals. He talked about the lack of affordable housing in the area, speculating that possible reasons for the lack of building include labor shortages and difficulty in acquiring materials.

He talked about the history of short-term rentals in the state of Arizona, referencing Senate Bill (SB) 1350, which was signed into law in 2016. He explained that the bill got passed primarily because it was being sold as empty nesters renting out a room to make extra income, which is not what has happened. He gave a detailed overview of policy proposals regarding short-term rentals, mentioned that approximately \$10 million is collected in taxes from short-term-rentals each year, and noted that the City of Scottsdale has a dedicated short-term rental police unit. Of the 11 bills that were introduced regarding short-term rentals, two of which were from Scottsdale, none received a hearing during this year's session.

In response to a question, Mr. Wiebusch explained that much of the difficulty in passing short-term rental bills is because the short-term rental industry is very powerful. Bills are typically opposed by the Realtors Association of Arizona, in part because many realtors own short-term rentals, and they also oppose short-term rental regulations, because regulating uses could detrimentally affect the sale of a property. He briefly discussed the process of reporting violations to the police department and explained why it has not been possible to get three complaints adjudicated in a 12-month period.

Mr. Wiebusch spoke about the continuing discussions related to creating legislation intended to address housing shortages, including SB 2570, the Starter Home Act, which failed last year. He spoke in detail about housing and zoning bills that are currently in the Senate that would affect regulation of lot size and square footage, parking requirements, protection of zoning in neighborhoods with respect to building size, and the use of accessory dwelling units on single-family zoned lots. Mr. Wiebusch gave an overview of housing and zoning legislation that passed last year relating to accessory dwelling units and the Clean-up Bill, which fixes errors that were made in the original bill. He spoke about bills relating to airport influence areas and SB 1529's relation to starter home legislation.

Mr. Wiebusch gave an overview of the Arizona State Legislator website and encouraged all citizens to sign up.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions of Mr. Wiebusch and staff throughout the presentation.

### **3. Neighborhood Enhancement Grant and Code Enforcement**

David Pino, Code Enforcement Supervisor, gave a presentation outlining the purpose of the Code Enforcement, which is to enforce zoning and property maintenance regulations. Complaints are primarily related to zoning, property maintenance issues, and public nuisance issues. Code Enforcement also deals with the Uniform Housing Code, signage, graffiti, and illegal construction. In 2003, when the short-term rental ordinance implemented a requirement that owners get a vacation rental license, Code Enforcement began enforcing that requirement as well as the requirement that they register with and provide emergency contact information to Maricopa County.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Pino said that fine amounts are left up to the Court and vary, but they are typically around \$250 per violation. Discussion ensued regarding issues relating to non-HOA communities and possible opportunities for collaboration with Code Enforcement to identify problem areas. Mr. Reynolds explained that State Statutes and the City Charter align that the City cannot give aid or make any donation to any individual or association. He gave an overview of the types of areas that would fit within the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program (NEGP) requirements. The program parameters limit the spending of funds to one-time cleanups, monument sign repairs, wall repainting, landscape improvements, and park improvements. The Commission has collaborated with Code Enforcement in the past and can collaborate in the future when appropriate.

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the NEGP request history, noting they receive approximately three requests per year and have an average spending of approximately \$23,000 of their \$30,000 allotment each year. As the program becomes more popular, the Commission will need to decide if there should be a per-request funding cap or if neighborhoods should be turned away once the annual allotment has run out. Mr. Reynolds opined that problems could arise if Code Enforcement is asked to identify problem neighborhoods. If neighborhoods are identified and they do apply for funds, there is no guarantee that funds will be available.

Barney Gonzales, citizen, spoke regarding problems that neighbors living on Cattletrack Road, between McDonald Road and Lincoln Road, adjacent to the multi-use path, are having with maintenance of the easement and with vagrants using the area. He said that the Police Department and Code Enforcement are not able to determine where the property line of the easement starts. He hopes that educating police and code enforcement officers about the property lines would help find resolution. He said an alternate option would be for the neighborhood to ask the City to abandon the trail.

Mr. Pino offered to go out to the area and assess the situation. He suggested that the Police Department could issue a recurring trespassing form.

#### **4. Commissioner Items**

There were no Commissioner items submitted for consideration.

#### **5. Staff Updates**

Mr. Reynolds gave an update on the Scottsdale Vista North project, which has been completed. He noted there are two active requests from neighborhoods that will come to the Commission as a future agenda item.

The 2024 Spirit of Scottsdale Award winners will be acknowledged during the March 18, 2025, City Council meeting. Commissioners Hanzlik and Doty Brady will attend, representing the Commission.

The next meeting is on March 26, 2025.

#### **Adjournment**

CHAIR HEWITT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR HEWITT, VICE-CHAIR SCHWARTZ-MANOCK, COMMISSIONERS DOTY BRADY, HANZLIK, AND SIEGEL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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