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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

PRESENT: Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Chair
Katie Corl, Commissioner
Larry Hewitt, Commissioner
George Spatola, Commissioner

ABSENT: Kim Beres, Vice-Chair
Craig Handzlik, Commissioner

STAFF: Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison
Nick Carroll, Commission Coordinator
Tim Conner, Environmental Initiatives Manager

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

A formal roll call was conducted, confirming members present as listed above.

Public Comment – Non-Agendized Items

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on Non-Agendized Items.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Spatola made a motion to approve the January 28, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Corl. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of four (4) to zero (0) with Chair Schwartz-Manock, Commissioners Corl, Hewitt, and Spatola voting in favor.

* Note: These are summary action minutes only. A complete copy of the meeting audio is available on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission page on ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Neighborhood Advisory Commission"

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Recognition of Service: Commissioner Nancy Doty Brady

Presentation by Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison, recognizing former Commissioner Nancy Doty Brady for her contributions and service. Nancy Doty Brady completed a single term on the Commission from March 7, 2023 through March 7, 2026. As a token of the Commission's and community's appreciation, Nancy Doty Brady was presented with a Soleri Bell.

3. Shade & Tree Plan for the Built Environment

Presentation by Nick Carroll, Planner, regarding the draft Shade & Tree Plan for the Built Environment. The purpose of the item was to introduce the Commission to the draft Plan and summarize how the document is organized, how it relates to other City development tools, and how the guidelines are anticipated to be applied through development review. Mr. Carroll invited the Commission to provide comments on the draft, which staff will forward to the Development Review Board for consideration.

Chair Schwartz-Manock expressed appreciation to the City and staff for drafting a proactive document that provides thoughtful direction for future shade improvements. The Chair commented that shade structures could be more interesting when designed as public art installations, similar to the structures at Civic Center, and noted that Scottsdale Public Art may have interest in that aspect of the Plan.

Commissioner Spatola asked whether the Plan would be coordinated with the residential SRP tree program and commented that the program can at times seem at odds with the City's turf removal efforts. Mr. Reynolds stated that the guidelines include a goal of collaborating with local entities and neighborhoods; however, the Plan is intended to provide design guidance for private development and public improvements. Mr. Reynolds further noted that the City does not regulate design for single-family homes.

4. Commissioner Items

No Commissioner Items were submitted to staff for consideration. As such, no action was taken.

5. Staff Updates

Mr. Reynolds recapped the recent What's In My BackYard (WIMBY) event held on March 16, 2026, where staff distributed flyers regarding the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program. Mr. Reynolds further noted the turnout and visibility generated by the Spirit of Scottsdale Awards program, which was recently presented at the March 24, 2026 City Council meeting. He also stated that staff plans to return to the Commission to discuss an active text amendment regarding Fire Defensible Space. Mr. Reynolds noted that the next meeting of the Commission will be held on April 22, 2026.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Hewitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Spatola. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.