



Approved June 24, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

PRESENT: Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Chair
Kim Beres, Vice-Chair
Lawrence Beer, Commissioner
Katie Corl, Commissioner (via MS Teams)
Larry Hewitt, Commissioner
George Spatola, Commissioner

ABSENT: Craig Handzlik, Commissioner

STAFF: Taylor Reynolds, Commission Liaison. Principal Planner
Nick Carroll, Staff Coordinator, Planner
Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Bruce Wall, Citizen Advisor

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 April 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hewitt made a motion to approve the April 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Beer. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of five (6) to zero

* 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"

(0) with Chair Schwartz-Manock, Vice-Chair Beres, Commissioners Beer, Corl, Hewitt, and Spatola voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Community Association Initiative

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission received a presentation from Bruce Wall, Citizen Advisor, regarding the Community Association Initiative.

No action was taken.

3. Neighborhood Advisory Commission Involvement and Visibility

Vice-Chair Beres facilitated a discussion among the Commission regarding strategies to increase NAC involvement and visibility with Scottsdale neighborhoods. The Commission provided the following input and suggestions regarding the topic:

- Explore opportunities for NAC to increase its visibility and presence at community events, including events where multiple neighborhoods may already be represented, such as GAIN, WIMBY-style events, or other citywide community outreach opportunities.
- Clarify the role and authority of NAC members when participating in community events or interacting with residents, including how commissioners may identify themselves as NAC members without speaking on behalf of the full Commission, and how the Commission may remain within its advisory role without duplicating the role of City Council or other boards and commissions.
- Consider improved identification of commissioners at outreach events, such as badges, shirts, or other materials, to create a welcoming presence and help residents understand the commissioners' role.
- Request regular updates from Community Involvement staff, Constituent Services, or other relevant staff regarding neighborhood trends, recurring resident concerns, and emerging topics that may be relevant to the Commission's Purpose, Powers and Duties.
- Consider inviting neighborhoods or neighborhood representatives to share topics or concerns with the Commission, when appropriate, to help identify trends, information gaps, or potential opportunities for future Commission discussion.
- Identify whether neighborhood issues or trends raised through outreach could be brought forward for future Commission discussion, possible recommendations to City Council, or referral to the appropriate city process, staff area, board, or commission, consistent with the Commission's Purpose, Powers and Duties.
- Consider ways for NAC to serve as an informational resource for Scottsdale neighborhoods by helping residents better understand city processes, available resources, and how to navigate neighborhood-related questions or concerns.
- Consider development of promotional or educational materials to support NAC outreach, improve public awareness of the Commission's purpose and role, and provide residents with general information about city resources.

The Commission requested that staff collect additional individual Commissioner feedback, which would be summarized in a future memo for Commission review and consideration of potential action items.

No action was taken.

4. Commissioner Items

Vice Chair Beres requested a future discussion with staff regarding care homes in Scottsdale.

Commissioner Beer made a motion to request that the Commission Liaison investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Commission. Seconded by Vice-Chair Beres. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of five (6) to zero (0) with Chair Schwartz-Manock, Vice-Chair Beres, Commissioners Beer, Corl, Hewitt, and Spatola voting in favor.

5. Staff Updates

Taylor Reynolds, provided the Commission an update on Spirit of Scottsdale submissions and Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program requests. He then provided a status update on the Shade & Tree Plan, noting that the Plan was adopted by the Development Review Board on May 7, 2026. Mr. Reynolds also noted that the next meeting of the Commission would be held on June 24, 2026.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chair Beres moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Spatola. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.