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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

[Time: 00:00:06]

Mayor Lane: Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to call to order the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, city council special meeting. I will start with a roll call, please.

#### **ROLL CALL**

[Time: 00:00:11]

City Clerk City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor David Smith.

Vice Mayor Smith: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Linda Milhaven.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer.

Brian Biesemeyer: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

Bruce Washburn: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

[Time: 00:00:31]

Mayor Lane: Thank you. The one and only item for this special meeting is the board and commission interview and appointment. With that, I will turn it over to the Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Mayor. This afternoon the City Council will be appointing Scottsdale residents interested in serving on six citizen advisory boards and commissions. I want to thank in advance all of these individuals for their willingness to volunteer their time and service to this community. It's very much appreciated. Following each set of interviews, we'll vote on the appointments for that board or commission. As I call your name, please come to the podium.

We ask that you briefly cover the following material: It's listed on the screen, it's your name, address, how long you have lived in Scottsdale and why you want to serve on this board or commission, how does your experience, whether it's educational or professional or volunteer, how does that all qualify you to serve on this commission? And finally, what do you think is the top issue facing the commission you have applied to?

We will ask you to limit your comments to three minutes or less and we have a timer near the screen

to help you manage your time. Following each nominee's address, we will ask the councilmembers if they have any questions.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

[Time: 00:02:02]

Vice Mayor Smith: Let's turn to our first commission -- turn to the first commission that we will have openings, the Board of Adjustment. We have two openings for the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment has the power to hear and decide on appeals from administrative decisions and variances from the provisions of the zoning requirements. There are no special qualifications for this Board of Adjustment commission.

Two notes, William Adler's term expires April 9th, 2016. He is eligible for reappointment, but he did not submit an application. So he's not an applicant tonight. The second note, is Sergio Martinez's term expires on April 9<sup>th</sup>. He's eligible for reappointment. He did offeror submit an application for consideration but he's up able to attend this evening. So he submitted his responses in writing and I trust my fellow councilmembers have his response and his interest in being considered.

Two other individuals were nominated Mr. Greg Mona and unfortunately Greg cannot be here tonight either. He has submitted information on his background and continues to be interested in the appointment, but he's not able to be here tonight.

Which leaves us then with the only one of the three applicants Andy Jochums. And so Andy, we will hear from you. Appreciate you coming here to share your background and interest.

Andy Jochums: Mr. Mayor, councilmembers, Vice Mayor Smith thank you for pronouncing my last name correctly. I give you props for that. Andy Jochums, North Villa Del Campana. That's Bell Street. I have been a member of Scottsdale for about two and a half years. I moved here from Surprise. I got tired of commuting from the west valley to the east valley. And my wife got a job in east Mesa. We finally settled where we wanted to live which is central Scottsdale. We live outside of McCormick Ranch.

The Board of Adjustment is a unique board. It's a quasi-judicial board and the one I feel I'm most qualified for. I want to serve my community. I served Surprise in the past as various boards and commissions, but the Board of Adjustment is something that I feel I'm a little more uniquely qualified for. I don't know tourism. I don't know industrial redevelopment. I like to use parks but the Board of Adjustment is more my speed.

The reason for that is I have been a city planner. If you looked at my bio I worked for the city of Surprise for a up in of -- number of years and Yavapai and I worked for Paul Gilbert. I'm sure you know Mr. Gilbert. I'm a planning consultant with his firm. The reason you never see me standing by his side is I specialize in the west valley. I think that experience is tantamount to sitting on the Board of Adjustment as they only hear variances and appeals. That's what I do every day but it's my

opinion to review those faces that are very specific and detailed as -- as those applications for variances mainly and the appeals as they come down.

The main issue that I think may be coming before the board is I think as the city grows and expands and as redevelopment starts to occur and we come out of this bubble, you will see more variances and adjustments before the Board of Adjustment. The charge of that board is to figure out what is an appropriate adjustment. Is it a unique hardship? Is it self-imposed versus those folks that are just looking to use the variance process to grant more relief or use their property at a more beneficial setting to themselves and don't really meet the tests the statutory variance. That's what you will see as south Scottsdale redevelops or the past over parcel in the north that have watersheds that someone will be looking for relief from.

I rambled for a little bit. I see that my time is up. So I will go ahead and stop now.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Andy. I don't know whether anyone has questions. I don't see any. Thank you very much. Thank you very much for your presentation.

At this point, we will proceed to vote, reminding you you can vote twice because there are two openings. And, of course, you have the written application materials from Sergio Martinez and Greg Mona. So we'll start with council member --

Councilmember Korte: Korte.

Vice Mayor Smith: With Councilwoman Korte. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Vice Mayor Smith. I would like to select Andy Jochums and Sergio Martinez.

Vice Mayor Smith: Mayor?

Mayor Lane: Yes, I would add to that Greg Mona. I'm sorry, Greg Mona and Sergio Martinez.

Councilwoman Klapp: Sergio Martinez and Greg Mona.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Martinez and Mr. Mona.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Sergio Martinez, Greg Mona.

Councilmember Phillips: Andy Jochums and Sergio Martinez.

Vice Mayor Smith: And I will vote for Martinez and Mona.

And I didn't know whether you were going to do that or I would do that. So the appointed members are Sergio Martinez and Greg Mona. Congratulations to both of you.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:08:39]

Vice Mayor Smith: The next commission that we are going to look the nominees for is the Historic Preservation Commission. We have one vacancy and one nominee. The Historic Preservation Commission oversees the development and management of Scottsdale's Historic Preservation Program. And the special qualifications are outlined in the Scottsdale city code, each member shall have demonstrated special interest, knowledge, or experience in at least one of the following: Building Construction, History, Architectural History, Real Estate, Historic Preservation law or other Historic Preservation-Related field.

The vacancy occurs because Ellen Kirchman resigned March 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, and there is presently by way of information, no real estate professional sitting on the Historic Preservation Commission. But I don't think that's relevant to our applicant tonight.

The applicant, Mr. Doug Craig, if you are here, please come and share your thoughts with us.

Doug Craig: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Council. My name is Doug Craig and I live at 7319 East Oak Street here in Scottsdale. I lived there for the past five years. My home is located in the historic town and country neighborhood and it's also listed with the state's historic preservation office.

Thank you again for your consideration for the Historic Preservation Commission. I have a passion for and an appreciation of unique and historic architecture, neighborhoods and landscape. As a registered landscape architect, I'm often involved the buildings or neighborhoods and the needs that need to be preserved and celebrated and oftentimes this is overlooked. I believe it's important to keep new development balanced in context with scale and the surrounding neighborhoods especially with those -- especially those with historic significance. I also believe it's important to have an awareness of historic architecture or neighborhoods and as these are an integral part of the fabric of our community.

I was asked by a friend, why do you want to be on a commission? And, you know, really my answer was quite simple. I have a passion and a pride for Scottsdale. I realize what a special place Scottsdale is, and I recently graduated last year from Scottsdale leadership class, which brought to light several of these issues. Also just want to give back to any community and keep this a great place to live. Now, and for generations to come. So, again, thank you for your consideration.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Doug. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Craig? Then we will proceed with the voting.

I will start with you, Mayor. Reminding everybody that one vacancy and so you have one vote.

Mayor Lane: A vote for Doug Craig.

Councilwoman Klapp: Doug Craig.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Craig.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Doug Craig.

Councilmember Phillips: I believe it's Doug Craig.

Vice Mayor Smith: Doug Craig.

Councilmember Korte: Doug Craig.

>> Vice Mayor Smith: To Mr. Craig, you are elected by a landslide.

#### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

[Time: 00:12:13]

Vice Mayor Smith: Our next commission or actually the Industrial Development Authority where we have one opening. The Industrial Development Authority's primary purpose is to issue tax exempt bonds for certain types of private development for the purpose of attracting new economic activity to the community. There are no formal requirements for I.D.A. members and no area of expertise, but given the nature of the work, the I.D.A. conducts it is -- it's usually suggested that members be comfortable working with detailed financial pro formas or feasible studies or financial projections.

And so we have one opening, Ron Finkel, his term expires on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He is eligible for reappointment, however, he has not submitted an application for consideration.

We do have two nominees, one is Andrew Armstrong and Matthew Ligouri. Andrew, we will hear from you first.

Andrew Armstrong: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Council. Thanks for having me. My name is Andrew Armstrong. I live on East Irish Hunter Trail in Scottsdale. I have been a resident there for seven years.

I had the opportunity to run for this same position a few months ago. So I'm back again because the commitment is still there. You know why the Industrial Development Authority? Well, for me, it's the program mission aligned with my skill set and allows me to fulfill my personal goals of helping Scottsdale grow while generating funds to support the community through nonprofits which need assistance. You know, the other is my professional career. I'm neither an attorney nor a land developer but I do have 18 years of advanced manufacturing experience. The last five and a half have been with fluidic energy, a Scottsdale start-up, advanced energy storage company and prior to that was with J-Ball, 13 years serving in global and U.S. leadership rolls including an expat assignment

in Mexico and a large greenfield facility launch also in Mexico.

You know, it ties in with also my civic activities. So like Doug, I'm also part of Scottsdale leadership. I'm actually a part of the current class of 30 and we graduate this Friday. So 30 rocks! I was also selected by my peers as the class rep, which is a great honor to represent them.

I have also been working with GPEC, the greater Phoenix economic council and two initiatives that I think the I.D.A. goes in line with, which is tied to their velocity program and tied to reinforcing the start-up ecosystem. One is the hardware seed fund and another one is a sensor consortium. In my free time, I'm also the assistant scout master of troop 911 which had the pleasure of doing the flag ceremony recently for you guys and also a board member at the Shepherd of the desert Lutheran church.

When I look at the Scottsdale I.D.A., I think that, you know, there is increased competition and headwinds that they are facing. My discussions with Rob Millar in the economic development office as he's obviously a representative tied to the I.D.A. and then commission members Tim Stratton and Mike Blonstein as well. When we look at the landscape changes with the mergers tied to the Scottsdale healthcare, it has changed the dynamics and will be a future impact on the I.D.A. So we need to look at how do we evaluate options for going forward and, you know, not only reengaging them but looking for opportunities and I think as I spoke with some of the members of the council, you know, we need to look beyond just the Scottsdale borders. That's the beauty of the I.D.A. program. It doesn't have to be within our city limits. It's tunes that we can find outside and bring back dollars to our community. You know, in Phoenix, I.D.A. has already been successful with this approach and it's a model that we can follow.

Thanks for your time today and thanks for the consideration.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Andrew and congratulations on your graduation coming up. Does anyone have any questions for Andrew? Seeing none, Matthew, we'll hear from you now.

Matthew Ligouri: Good afternoon, Mayor and Council, my name is Matt Ligouri, I live at 8626 West Windsor Avenue. I graduated from Arizona State University, with a bachelor in interdisciplinary studies. Did my master's work at Northwestern University where I earned a master's degree in public policy and administration.

In my professional life, I have both experience in the private and the public sector. I currently work for Southwest Gas as an administrator in the public affairs department. My job currently tasks me with interfacing with local governments, local chambers of commerce and economic development groups like GPEC, Westmark and East Valley Partnership. Previous to my current position, I worked for the city of Goodyear as the assistant to Mayor Georgia Lord. Taken all together, my educational and professional experiences have allowed me to obtain a firm grasp on economic development and have allowed me to build a strong network of contacts in the valley that I believe I can leverage for the good of the I.D.A.

The reason I want to serve on the Scottsdale I.D.A., I want to give back to any community. I come from a law enforcement familiar historic preservation. As I'm sure you can imagine a sense of civic engagement and duty was engrained in me at an early age. Working for the city of Goodyear reinforced that when I saw all the great things that the volunteers did to help augment the vision of council and the hard work of staff. When I saw this vacancy come open, I thought that it would be a great opportunity for me to give back to my community in a way that best leverages my skills.

From talking with members of the current I.D.A., board, and members of other I.D.A.s around the valley, I have come to understand that Scottsdale I.D.A. isn't as active as it probably could be. If I were appointed, I would love to work with the current board members, city council, and staff to come up with a clear business plan that we can aggressively market to community. I feel that if we can make Scottsdale -- the Scottsdale I.D.A. more active, it's just another tool in the tool box for the city to help with economic development and that will benefit all residents if we can increase economic development in the city.

With that, I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have and I really appreciate the time and for nominating me for this position. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Matt. Does anyone have any questions? If not, we will proceed to voting. We will start with Councilwoman Klapp. Reminding that we have one opening and choosing between the two nominees.

Councilwoman Klapp: Matt Ligouri.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Ligouri.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Andrew Armstrong.

Councilmember Phillips: Mr. Armstrong.

Vice Mayor Smith: Matt Ligouri.

Councilmember Korte: Matt Ligouri.

Mayor Lane: Andrew Armstrong.

Vice Mayor Smith: And, Matt, it looks like you were elected, appointed. Congratulations.

**MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:20:24]

Vice Mayor Smith: Our next commission to vote on is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. We have one opening and three nominees. The commission, as you know, with the assistance of city



staff, makes recommendations to the City Council on such items as, preservation strategy, funding, land acquisition, educational/promotional programs, master planning and other Preserve-related issues. Jim Heitel's term expired April 9<sup>th</sup> of this year, and he's not eligible for reappointment.

Repeating, there is one vacancy and three nominees. The nominees are: Robert Alpert, Cassandra Jonkosky, Larry Person.

Bobby, do I see you hiding there somewhere? Robert Alpert.

Robert Alpert: Good afternoon, council, Mr. Mayor, my name is Robert Alpert. Although everybody calls me Bob I. I live at 9481 east Kaidelbreise. That's breezy street. My daughter and wife and I lived there for 15 years.

I will switch question two and a three. 15 years ago, I purchased a small business in north Scottsdale. A small shipping business, Postal Max of Pinnacle Peak. We built it into a very successful business. I see 50 to 70 people a day in that store. And I have my finger on the pulse of neighborhood pretty well. I know what they think about the Preserve. As far as volunteer work goes, I have been a steward of the McDowell Conservancy for 11 years. I'm now a master steward and a citizen scientist.

The Preserve has changed my life. It's probably the -- the conservancy is probably the finest organization I have ever been associated with. I can't say enough good things about the conservancy, but with all the knowledge that I have, when I became a steward, I was immediately put into the position of teaching new stewards to become -- I'm sorry, teaching people to become stewards. I graduated 170 new stewards during my term and then I took over the patrol program and I turned the patrol program into a very big success over my two-year period of chairing that program and currently I'm working as a citizen scientist and finishing a digital map of the entire preserve.

Why do I want to serve on the board? Well, I have been attending meetings since its inception. I have attended all meetings during the last nine months so I'm well aware of the issues and what is coming. And as far as the top issues, the Desert Discovery Center, I think the endowments is very important and also finishing the preserve, buying the last pieces of property. So it's complete.

And I will be glad to accept any questions.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Alpert? If not, thank you for your presentation.

Robert Alpert: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Smith: Cassandra Jonkosky.

Cassandra Jonkosky: Good afternoon and thank you so much for allowing me to present myself to you for the consideration for membership from the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. My name is Cassandra Jonkosky and I reside at 11447 East Buckskin Trail in Scottsdale which is about

3 miles from the Browns Ranch trailhead. I have lived in Scottsdale for eight years and Arizona for 47. I know that dates me, but I have enjoyed every year here.

I can tell you that the reason that I would like to serve on this commission is that I have a really deep appreciation for all that is outdoors in Arizona. I have had decades of adventures as an equestrian, including helping with cattle and horse roundups and repairing fencing. I'm an avid angler. I fish a lot of streams and lakes and rivers and I do it strictly on a catch and release basis. I'm also a hiker. I hunt. I boat and I golf. I have enjoyed the use of our preserves, our forests and our wilderness areas and one of the world's greatest natural wonders, the Grand Canyon. I'm able to dedicate the time to assist with the protection and development of a valuable area of our community for the future generations and the preservation of the high Sonoran desert ecosystem.

My experience is 35 years of corporate experience in leading organizing, managing, meeting and exceeding objectives, customer consulting and planning and developing people, as well as corporate initiatives and meeting all the objectives. My areas of expertise include banking, as a matter of fact, investments, real estate finance and now residential real estate. I have participated in nonprofit organizations over the decades and serves as a board member for one organization as well as the various committees for others and I continue to participate philanthropically.

I think that the major issue for the Preserve to consider is the continuous and effective enhancement of the preserve while still maintaining the integrity. The challenge of balancing the physical and the financial, ensuring the preservation of our desert while giving the community and our visitor as much access to enjoy it, as well as the education. I would approach this position and the issues and challenges it brings as I have many other issues throughout my career by gathering the facts, as many as possible, listening to all the relevant ideas and opinions. Follow the objectives and mandates of the governing and managing entities and make recommendations and take actions as appropriate and as directed.

Thank you.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Cassandra. Does anyone have any questions? She's rushing away from the podium. Larry Person.

Larry Person: Good afternoon, Mayor Lane, Vice Mayor Smith, and Councilmembers. My name is Larry Person. I'm a 23 year resident of Scottsdale, residing at 11577 North 110<sup>th</sup> Place.

I have applied to serve on the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission and I respectfully ask for your support for appointment. I love both my city, Scottsdale, and the Preserve. I have served and supported both for more than 20 years. For 18 years from 1993 to 2011, I served on the city's staff and the preservation and environmental offices. During that time, I also staffed the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. I helped repair trails and vegetate the preserve and including at the gateway. I have been a McDowell conservancy steward for the past six years.

In 2012, you appointed me to serve on the Environmental Quality Advisory Board and I thank you for

your trust, and for giving me opportunity to continue in service to my community and to you on the council. During the time on EQAB, I authorized and coauthored several advisories to Mayor and council. Most recently you received an important advisory on the changing water supply realities in light of the 16-year drought on the Colorado River. It finally made it through the process after I completed my term on EQAB. It has opportunities for the cities of Scottsdale based on the new water supply realities.

I have listened with interest to our community's dialogue on the McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the past 20 years and you respect the sometimes differing viewpoints of our citizens and share the compassion that keep the Preserve the crown jewel of our city, providing massive recreational access to citizens, all citizens. I have also observed the gradual evolution of the Preserve over time. Because I have experienced all sides of the public engagement process, I understand the roles of city government staff, elected officials, board and commission members and citizens. I look forward to applying that unique skill and experience set for what I see is the two great tasks before the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. Number one, participating in the ongoing planning process for the long envisioned Desert Discovery Center and number two, helping forge a sustainability plan for maintaining this treasure we called Scottsdale's Sonoran preserve for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and support.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Mr. Person. Anyone have any questions. Thank you all for your service to the city for so many years.

Councilwoman Milhaven, we will start with you. Each of us will vote for one to fill one vacancy from among the three candidates.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Ms. Jonkosky.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Bobby Alpert.

Councilmember Phillips: Robert Alpert.

Vice Mayor Smith: Robert Alpert.

Councilmember Korte: Robert Alpert.

Mayor Lane: Robert Alpert.

Councilwoman Klapp: Bobby Alpert.

Vice Mayor Smith: Bobby, I think it's decided you will be our new commissioner on the McDowell Sonoran Commission. Congratulations.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:31:27]

Vice Mayor Smith: Parks and Recreation Commission has one opening. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council on the acquisitions of lands, operations, use, care, and maintenance of parks and recreation areas. There are no special qualifications for this.

We had one individual resign, Mr. Ron Chambless in March of this year, creating a vacancy and we have tonight only one nominee. The nominee is Fred Klein, and we'll hear from Fred and then we'll vote.

Fred Klein: Mr. Mayor and councilmembers, I'm Fred Klein. I live at 12227 East Palomino Road. My wife Susie and I have been Scottsdale residents for 18 years. I'm applying for a term with the Parks and Recreation Commission. I'm retired now, more or less, but I had a 47-year newspaper career that included 38 years as a reporter, editor or columnist with the "Wall Street Journal." I'm the author of more than a dozen books, most of which you can browse under Frederick C. Klein at Amazon.com. Some of them make excellent gift items. I still do freelance writing when I get the chance.

I'm a master steward with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, whose hiking program I led for five years. I also headed the senior adult hiking program at Scottsdale community college. I have been active in conservation advocacy for more than a dozen years, with MSC and other organizations statewide. Otherwise, I participate in both child and adult literacy programs in our area and I'm a long-time member of the county foster care review board.

I was a member of the city's McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, ending last year, three of them as vice chairman. In that period the Preserve more than doubled its size to its present 30,000 acres. And while I can't take credit for that, I can take satisfaction from it as I'm sure we all can. It was the most active and interesting period for that commission.

Since coming to Scottsdale, I have been a frequent user of the city's parks and recreational facility, especially the Scottsdale ranch tennis complex and the cactus pool where I'm a regular lap swimmer. I thus would bring a user's perspective to the commission. It strikes me that while Scottsdale residents take both pleasure and pride from our wonderful parks system, those attitudes lately haven't been translated into support for the parks and they appear on bond issue ballots. At the preserve commission, I consistently work for measures that would increase public awareness of the preserve and the benefit to all the citizens. To the extent I'm permitted I would continue such effort on behalf of the parks. They need all the advocacy they can get and I would like to use my background and talents for that purpose.

Thanks for listening and I will answer your questions.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Fred. Does anyone have a question other than the website to order the books from? We will start the voting with councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Fred Klein.

Mayor Lane: Mr. Klein.

Vice Mayor Smith: Fred Klein.

Councilmember Phillips: Fred Klein.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Fred Klein.

Councilwoman Klapp: Fred Klein.

Vice Mayor Smith: You have been unanimously removed from retirement, Mr. Klein.

#### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

[Time: 00:35:32]

Vice Mayor Smith: The Tourism Development Commission has one opening. The Tourism Development Commission advises the city council matters concerning the expenditure of revenues from the Transaction Privilege Tax on transient lodging, bed tax, designated for tourism development. Special qualifications, as specified in the Scottsdale City Code, the seven members of the Tourism Development Commission shall consist of representatives of the tourism industry in Scottsdale, including a minimum of four hoteliers, one member of the Scottsdale and visitor bureau and the other elements of the tourism industry.

Carl Grupp's term expired April 20<sup>th</sup> of this year and he represents an industry position. He's eligible for reappointment and he's submitted an application for consideration. He's one of two nominees, Trey Brennan and Carl Grupp.

We will first hear from Trey. We think we will first hear from Trey. I had no notification that he was not able to be here. So I assume he still has an interest in the position.

But Carl, I know you are here. So we'll hear from you now.

Carl Grupp: Good evening, Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council. I stood before you three years ago with a commitment that I would do everything that I could in my -- you know, what I skipped over a bunch of legalities. Carl Grupp, 27632 North 72<sup>nd</sup> place here in Scottsdale. I have lived in Scottsdale for almost six years now. I have lived in the valley for much longer but pleased to call Scottsdale home now for a while.

Again, I stood in front of you three years ago, committing that I would do everything I could to make Scottsdale shine as a tourism beacon throughout the industry. I think I have done that. I

think our commission has done that. We have been fiduciary responsible for the bed tax that we recommend you to spend and I think I'm very proud of the job that I have personally done and also with my colleagues on the Tourism Development Commission. I think it's kind of apropos that I'm here today. It's national tourism -- travel and tourism week. That's a shameless plug to tout our \$38 million in tax revenues to the city coffers. And I have worked really hard for this renomination, I guess, attending meetings, evaluating the agenda items that come before us, and trying to comprehend legal jargon that is also put ahead of us. I think I have taken it very seriously and I think the results speak for themselves. We are sending quality projects to you for further action.

Again, I'm passionate. I'm engaged in the tourism community. It's been my life blood. It's in my DNA and I have been employed with it for 23 years. I take it very seriously.

I think some of the issues that we are facing are also very serious issues. I think some of them were a little bit discussed tonight. I think the downtown topics are very important to us. I come from a background, my father is an artist and gallery owner. I think that's a real important aspect to our downtown that's authentic and real and that we need to embrace and protect at all costs. I think there's great assets within the city but downtown is the heart beat of the city and needs to remain very vibrant. So I sincerely appreciate your allowing me to come up before you again and to serve for the last three years and ask for your nomination again.

Thank you.

Vice Mayor Smith: Thank you, Carl. Seeing no questions. I will inquire again whether Mr. Trey Brennan is here. We would be happy to hear from you. But apparently is not.

So I will start the volunteering, Councilman Phillips with you. One opening. One vote. Two candidates.

Councilmember Phillips: Carl Grupp.

Vice Mayor Smith: Carl Grupp.

Councilmember Korte: Carl Grupp.

Mayor Lane: Carl Grupp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Carl Grupp.

Councilwoman Milhaven: Mr. Grupp.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Carl Grupp.

Vice Mayor Smith: And another unanimous election.

That concludes our interview and appointment process this afternoon. I want to thank everybody that interviewed today, everybody that showed an interest, even if you didn't win the election. We hope you stay engaged. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Thank you Mr. Vice Mayor. That concludes our business for our special meeting with regard to boards and commissions elections. Want to thank everybody who has volunteered to be a candidate for any of the boards and commissions and would participated tonight, whether you were successful or not, certainly keep us in mind and remember, it's a great way to contribute to your community. Thank you very much.

**ADJOURNMENT**

[Time: 00:41:42]

Mayor Lane: With that, I would accept a motion to adjourn our special meeting.

Councilwoman Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Lane: The motion has been made and seconded.

Councilmember Korte: Second.

Mayor Lane: And we are then ready to vote. All those in favor, please indicate by aye. Those opposed with a nay. We are adjourned. Thank you very much.