



Neighborhood and Family Services Commission Meeting
Commission Members will attend either in person or by telephone or video conference call

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:00 p.m.
AZ Complete Health Avondale Resource Center, 995 E. Riley Drive
Aravaipa Conference Room
Avondale, AZ 85323

Physical Access to the Aravaipa Conference Room will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Chairperson Jerome Brownlee, Jr. |
| 2. Review and Approval of the June 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes This item is for discussion and possible action. | Chairperson Jerome Brownlee, Jr. |
| 3. Homeless Services Update: Staff will provide an update on the city's Homeless Services efforts. This item is for discussion. | Marlena Pina, Homeless Services Coordinator |
| 4. FY2024 Contributions Assistance Program Update: Staff will provide an update on the city's Contributions Assistance Program. This item is for discussion. | Edith Baltierrez, Neighborhood & Family Services Assistant Director |
| 5. Future Agenda Items: This item is for information only. | Commission and Staff |
| 6. Announcements: This item is for information only. | Commission and Staff |
| 7. Call to the Public: This item is for information only. | Chairperson Jerome Brownlee, Jr. |
| 8. Adjournment | Chairperson Jerome Brownlee, Jr. |

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MEETING MINUTES

Commission Members in Attendance: Fabian Prado, Shari Weise, Hilary McKillip, Michelle McMullen, Pearlette Ramos

Commission Members Absent: Jerome Brownlee Jr, Oliver Morrison, Dawn Gerundo

City Staff and Guests in Attendance: Neighborhood & Family Services Director Chris Lopez, Avondale City Manager Ron Corbin, Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Hughes, Public Works Director Kirk Beaty, Water Conservation Coordinator Amber Hughes, Administrative Assistant Alisa Chavez, Administrative Assistant Mayra Garibo-Davila

1. Call to Order

The Neighborhood and Family Services Commission meeting was called to order by Fabian Prado at 6:05 p.m.

2. Review and Approval of the February 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Ms. McMullen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. McKillip seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with an Aye by Members present.

3. Active Transportation Plan:

Mr. Bryan Hughes presented the following information:

- Project Overview
 - Study Area, Purpose & Need
 - Inventory and gap analysis of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

- Recommend City-wide on-street and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facility types.
 - Develop policies and procedures for an integrated, safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system.
 - Identify bicycle and pedestrian facility connections – locally and regionally
 - Establish planning level cost estimates of bicycle and pedestrian facility types.
 - Establish a formal ATP for enhancing the potential design assistance funding.
- What is active transportation and why is it important?
 - Active Transportation is generally defined as human powered movement such as walking and bicycling or using as assistive mobility device.
 - Active transportation offers the promise of improving the health of our people and the places they live.
 - Geographical & Socioeconomic Assessment
 - Land ownership
 - Land use – existing and proposed
 - Zoning and subdivisions
 - Floodplain
 - Population, jobs, and housing
 - Title VI
 - Vehicle accessibility and commuting patterns
 - Public & Stakeholder Input
 - Public Involvement Plan
 - Project Website
 - Project Work Group Meetings (4)
 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
 - Planning Commissions/City Council Project Briefings
 - Virtual Public Open House
 - Online Survey – 16 questions
 - 46 respondents
 - Recommendations

Project recommendations are intended to be implemented over the next 20 years to create a safe and equitable active transportation network that is accessible and well-connected throughout Avondale and the broader region.
 - Implementation Plan
 - Proximity & Connectivity
 - Safety

- Social Equity
- Deliverability & Constructability
- Implementation Plan
 - Project Prioritization Results
 - Short-Term: 0-5 Years, 40 Projects
 - Mid-Term: 5-20 Years, 104 Projects
 - Long-Term 20+ years, 96 Projects

Questions and Comments:

Avondale Parks & Recreation
623-333-2400
ActiveAvondale@avondalez.gov

Mrs. Weise questioned if there will be discussion on adding shade to the areas?

Mr Hughes replied some shade dens will be added into areas such as what is added to Van Buren & Avondale Blvd cross walk waiting areas.

Mr. Prado asked how engineering the trails on Central Ave in Old Town will manage speed?

Mr. Hughes explained the safest thing to do was to create the separation of the bike lanes.

Mr. Corbin added that the City was looking at extra places to slow traffic, including within subdivisions. The Engineering team was also looking at other places to add other areas as well. He also explained how current state legislation was trying to add PROP 400 to reduce lane miles.

Mr. Hughes stated adding other signage was another best option for bike lanes.

Ms. Ramos asked if the City had an appropriation for the 10 projects out of the 240?

Mr. Corbin stated four (4) signal lights have already been installed and more will be added in the new fiscal year. Mr. Corbin also explained there are numerous projects currently happening and coming in the new fiscal year, including ADA compliant sidewalks.

Ms. Ramos requested clarification on multi use areas.

Mr. Corbin clarified where the mixed-use center/area for walking, activities, sports and retail would be on Avondale Blvd/Van Buren. There was also

discussion on a potential pedestrian bridge from the apartments on the west side of Avondale Blvd leading over to The Blvd.

Ms. McKillip stated that would make the crossing safer. She asked if there would be anything to address the red-light runners? Ms. McKillips indicated the traffic is bad on Avondale Blvd and south of the freeway, making it difficult to cross.

Mr. Corbin advised the City was reviewing accidents and speed studies in the area to discuss options.

Mr. Prado asked if other measures could be added to slow down drivers on Eliseo Felix Dr? He also asked about adding trees to slow the movement?

Mr. Corbin advised Old Town and Cashion were next priority.

Ms. Ramos asked if beautification will be a part of the project?

Mr. Corbin stated that it would be part of the process, including reviewing the number of trees and greenery. He indicated City Council had approved the use of programs to clean the area. He also indicated City Council had asked for a design of the monument signs to replace worn out signage. Mr. Corbin also added the City had AviWise which was an application that the public could use to submit pictures and notes to the City so the City could process a resolution.

4. Water Sustainability Update:

Mr. Kirk Beaty and Ms. Amber Hughes presented the following information:

- Overview
 - Water Portfolio
 - Avondale's Water Cycle
 - Consumption-Customer Use
 - Assured Water Supply Program
 - In the News- Phoenix Groundwater and Colorado River
 - Drought Preparedness
 - Water Conservation
- Water Sources in the City's Portfolio
 - SRP: Renewable, Rain and Snow (40%)
 - CAP-Central Arizona Project: Renewable: Rain and Snow (30%)
 - Avondale: Renewable: Reclaimed Wastewater (Effluent) (30%)
- 1980 Groundwater Management Act & Assured Water Supply Program

- 100-year Assured Water Supply Program
 - A 100-year water supply must be secured before land can be developed. Consumer & Economic protection by ensuring that there is water first, then growth.
 - Designation of Assured Water Supply (DAWS)
 - Municipal Providers
 - Certificate of Assured Water Supply (CAWS)
 - Developers
- Arizona Groundwater Concern
 - 4.86 million acre-feet shortage
 - Impacts new CAWS that rely 100% on non-renewable groundwater
 - Primary impact on outskirts of Maricopa County
 - No direct impact to Avondale
 - Must still develop with confines of our DAWS
- Colorado River Conservation Plan
 - United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR)
 - Lower Basin States Plan
 - AZ, CA, NV
 - 3 million acres feet through 2026
 - IN review at the USBOR
 - Incorporates other conservation efforts already underway
 - Renegotiating for the post-2026 river allocations
- Avondale's Actions for Water Sustainability
 - Drought Preparedness Plan
 - New Water Sources
 - Improved Infrastructure
 - Additional Recharge Capacity
 - Water Conservation Programs
- In Summary
 - Resilient water resource portfolio
 - Designation of Assured Water Supply (DAWS)
 - Avondale is still in a relatively good position, even with the possible cuts to Colorado River allocation and groundwater concerns
 - City needs remain water smart
 - Learn More! – Citizens Water Alliance Academy – Spring 2024

Questions and Comments:

Ms. Ramos asked why artificial grass does not qualify for a rebate?

Ms. Hughes replied artificial grass gets hotter than cement, uses water to clean and maintain, is not sustainable, requiring it to be reinstalled and material ends up in the landfill. She added Xero scape qualifies as rebate and is sustainable in comparison to artificial grass.

Mr. Prado asked if water from the rain goes into a community basin? He also asked how does the City see it with a projection of 140,000 population?

Mr. Beatty explained that the bucket supply was already designated to the growth of the general pan of 140,000. He indicated it will not increase until the City can prove it can provide for 100 years. Mr. Beatty added the current plan was supported for 100 years.

Mr. Beatty also goes on to explain rainwater goes into the ground and is not counted but it will eventually get into the underground water supply. He added creating rain basins can help create a personal retention basin.

5. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Lopez suggested Public Safety present on street safety and traffic mitigation. He also added Homelessness update on recent investments and what is planned for the future. Mr. Lopez indicated having Senior Services provide an update on their rebranding efforts.

6. Announcements

Mr. Lopez provided an introduction of Mrs. Weise and introduced the other attendees. Mr. Lopez provided programming updates which included: 1) Sumer Lunch N Learn with St. Mary's Food Bank; 2) Summer Heat Relief at the resource center and libraries for those needing water and an area to cool off; Avondale Police Department and the SONAR team (Homeless Services Outreach Team) also are providing water; and 3) AviTemp summer youth program providing up to 20 youth with employment within the city.

7. Call to the Public

None

8. Adjournment

Mrs. Weise made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Ms. McKellip. The motion passed unanimously with an Aye by Members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Next meeting, 6:00 p.m. – AZ Complete Health Avondale Resource Center – September 27, 2023