

Neighborhood and Family Services Commission

June 28, 2023

Meeting Date

September 27, 2023

Date Minutes Were Approved

Fabian Prado

Fabian Prado (Oct 26, 2023 20:38 PDT)

Chair

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the accompanying document is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the aforementioned meeting. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Alisa Chavez

Alisa Chavez (Sep 27, 2023 19:22 PDT)

Staff Liaison





Neighborhood and Family Services Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 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 Room will be available 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

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 presents

- 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 questions if there will be discussion on adding shade to the areas?

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

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

Mr. Hughes explains the safest thing to do is to create the separation of the bike lanes.

City Manager Ron Corbin, the City is looking at extra places to slow traffic, the needs are needing to be built within subdivisions. The Engineering team is looking at other places to add other areas as well. Explained how currently the state legislation is trying to add PROP 400 to reduce lane miles.

Mr. Hughes, if we cannot do protected bike lane, other signage is best option for bike lanes.

Ms. Ramos: Does City have an appropriation for the 10 projects out of the 240?

City Manager Ron Corbin: 4 Aux Signal lights have been installed and more coming this new fiscal year. City Manager also explains there are numerous projects currently happening and coming in the new fiscal year, including ADA compliant sidewalks.

Ms. Ramos: Requests clarification on multi use area.

City Manager Ron Corbin clarifies where the mixed-use center/area for walking and activities sports, and retail will be on Avondale Blvd/Van Buren. Possible discussion on pedestrian brigade to lead from apartments over to The Blvd.

Ms. McKillip: Making crossing safer, is here anything to address the red-light runners? The activity is bad on Avondale Blvd, South of the freeway and makes it difficult to cross.

City Manager Ron Corbin, The City is Reviewing accidents and speed studies in the area to discuss options.

Mr. Prado: Eliseo Felix Dr, can you add other things in the roadway that may slow down drivers? Can you add trees to slow the movement?

City Manager Ron Corbin: Next priority is Old Town & Cashion currently.

Ms. Ramos: Will beautification be a part of the project?

City Manager Ron Corbin This is a part of the process, the number of trees and greenery will be looked at. Council has approved the use of programs to clean the area. Council asked for a design of the monument signs to replace worn out signs. AviWise is an app that you can submit pictures and notes to the City, trash, broken trees, shopping carts so the City can process a resolution.

4. Water Sustainability Update:

Mr. Kirk Beaty & Ms. Amber Hughes present:

- 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 Our 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
 - Temporary health to a new construction
 - 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 our Colorado River allocation and groundwater concerns
 - We still need to be water smart
 - Learn More! – Citizens Water Alliance Academy – Spring 2024

Questions and Comments:

Ms. Ramos: Why does artificial grass not qualify for rebate?

Ms. Hughes: Artificial grass gets hotter than cement, it uses water to clean and maintain, not sustainable, needs to be reinstalled, gets thrown in landfill. Xero scape qualifies as rebate and is sustainable.

Mr. Prado: When it rains, my water goes to community basin How does Avondale see it with a projection of 140,000 population?

Mr. Beatty explains that the bucket supply is already designated to the growth of the general plan of 140,000. So it will not increase until we can prove we can provide for 100 years. Current plan is supported for 100 years.

Mr. Beatty goes on to explain: It goes into the ground, we don't get to count that, but it will eventually get into the underground water. Creating rain basins can help create a personal retention basin.

5. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Lopez suggests Public Safety to talk about street safety and traffic mitigation. Homelessness update on recent investments and what is planned. The Senior services department is rebranding.

6. Announcements

Mr. Lopez provides an introduction of Ms. Weise and introduces the attendees. Programming updates: Sumer Lunch N Learn with St. Mary’s Food Bank, enrichment activities, STEM learning, 12-2. Summer Heat Relief for those being exposed to the heat, water and a cool area are provided during business hours. The City’s Resource Center, Civic Center & Sam Garcia, May 1-Sept 30 or longer if necessary. Avondale Police Department carries water along with the SONAR team, Homeless Services Outreach Team. AviTemp summer youth program, 20 youth working employment within the city. Ages 16-24, for some 1st work experience, \$15.24 an hour.

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