

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES BOARD
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: [redacted] 3:03 p.m.

Chairman Sally Ford called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

INVOCATION: [redacted]

The invocation was said by Board Member Suellen Pennington.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Monica Timberlake.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD:

Chairman: Sally Ford, present

Board Member: Sue MacCracken, present

Board Member: Rita Wilson, absent

Board Member: vacant

Vice Chairman: Elmer London, present

Board Member: Suellen Pennington, present

Board Member: Monica Timberlake, present

Staff Present: Skylor Miller, Town Manager; Janet Collier, Transit Coordinator; and Tina Abriani, Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

[redacted] **Board Member Suellen Pennington moved** to approve the minutes of last month's meeting and **Vice Chairman Elmer London seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

BUSINESS

1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the Quartzsite Transit Rider's Guide.

[redacted] Janet Collier, Transit Coordinator, spoke regarding the Transit Rider's Guide. There was discussion regarding adding a paragraph regarding assaultive behavior to the Rider's Guide. Everyone agreed the paragraph should be added to the Rider's Guide.

2. Discussion and review of completed and returned Transit surveys.

[redacted] **Board Member Monica Timberlake moved** to table the Transit survey agenda item to the next meeting in order to give the Board time to review each completed survey the Town received. **Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

3. Discussion of ideas for marketing and outreach efforts regarding the Quartzsite Transit System and its logo for the vehicles, schedule and other hand-outs.

Janet Collier spoke about a flyer that is currently being distributed throughout the Town. The flyer advertises “Get a Free Ride Around Town!” Copies can be found at doctor’s offices, the pharmacy, the urgent care center, the Senior Center and many more. She advised that hospice services received the flyer via email.

There was discussion of a naming contest, a logo contest and the possible involvement of the Town’s children in designing the Town Transit System’s new look for the transit vehicles and publications.

There was discussion of senior transit in addition to a scheduled fixed bus route and possible different methods to distinguish the types of buses. Town Manager Miller stated the fixed route buses will be fourteen passenger vehicles.

Janet Collier explained that how the transit will look in the future is unclear until after the transit planner completes the planning study for the Town of Quartzsite.

Fees and fares were discussed, including the current fee schedule that is by donation only. Town Manager Miller stated he would like to see how much money is collected by the transit system compared to how much the transit system costs to operate.

4. Discussion of the Town’s grant application for the development of an age friendly community program.

Town Manager Miller started a discussion regarding developing a senior-focused, but multi-generational program whereby people can donate time into a pool with time spent building up credits. He advised that he was approached by WACOG, Western Arizona Council of Governments, regarding the Town of Quartzsite possibly developing such a program as part of the Arizona Age Friendly Network. As a part of that network Quartzsite may be eligible for grant funding and be designated as an age friendly community.

Town Manager Miller stated Tempe has the program and Wickenburg may be working on it.

He proffered an expansion of the idea to help the aging community more by the program network’s partnering with other community groups to provide assistance and wellness checks.

Several ideas and possibilities for the program network were discussed.

Town Manager Miller made it clear it would not be a program facilitated by the Town staff. The Town will partner with the rest of the community and maintain participation by incentivizing volunteerism with earning credits and exchanging services.

Town Manager Skylor stated he will report back to WACOG and then update the Board. He called the discussion that took place the brainstorming phase.

REPORTS:

Quarterly Ridership Report

Janet Collier explained the Quarterly Ridership Report. She stated she had reports for the month of January. She said the Transit System had 192 riders, 486 trips, 145 hours and 1748 miles in the month of January 2015. She noted that nine new riders began using the Transit System.

Discussion of the free rider passes and their usage took place.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Terry Frausto, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, invited the Board to attend the next Planning & Zoning meeting. She advised the meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Shanana Rain Golden Bear spoke regarding the Gran Gathering to be held on March 6th, 7th, and 8th. She also discussed Q.I.A.'s fiftieth anniversary. She expressed her support for the idea of an Arizona Age Friendly Network program in Quartzsite.

Board Member Monica Timberlake moved to adjourn the meeting at and **Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2015, of the Health & Development Services Board of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on February 25, 2015.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Board,

Approved:

Sally Ford, Chairperson

Next meeting to be held March 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.