

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES BOARD
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 3:07 p.m.

Chairman Sally Ford called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was said by Board Member Rita Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair London.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD:

Chairperson: Sally Ford, present

Board Member: Sue MacCracken, present

Board Member: Rita Wilson, present

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:

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

BUSINESS

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

Board Member Monica Timberlake moved to open the item to the public and **Vice Chair Elmer London seconded** the motion. The vote was unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

Janet Collier, Transit Coordinator, spoke regarding the transit surveys. There was discussion of the surveys' lack of completeness.

Starr BearCat said she had not seen the surveys. She stated, she goes all around Town and has not seen any. She suggested the Town mail another survey with the utility bills, or to customer's post offices boxes.

2. Discussion and review of the Town of Quartzsite Transit System's naming and logo contest.

Janet Collier said the contest has been out there since the beginning of March and seven

suggestions have been received by the Town.

Board Member Timberlake read the suggestions for the new name of the Quartzsite Transit System aloud.

Monday, March 16, 2015 was the last day of the contest.

Marilyn McFate suggested waiting to name the Quartzsite Transit System until after the transit planner has performed the transit study of Quartzsite.

Board Member Timberlake said all buses should be branded the same.

Sally stated there should be a way to differentiate the buses, especially between an all public bus and a bus just for the elderly and disable.

Starr BearCat spoke of the benches that the businesses put out for the trolley system.

Board Member Timberlake asked for the next agenda to have an item for the Board to be able vote to recommend to Council, for adoption, a name for the Quartzsite Transit System.

3. Discussion and review of the Transit System's fares, including the current fee schedule that is by donation only, and of the comparison of money the transit system collects and its operational costs.

Chairperson Ford suggested charging fares, not donations. She said that if a rider cannot afford the fare, the rider should apply for a free pass.

Board Member Timberlake stated the passes are so limited this may not work for all. She spoke of shopping.

Mark Church, Quartzsite Transit Driver spoke regarding fees and riding schedules in Blythe and possibilities for Quartzsite.

Chairperson Ford asked about costs to run the transit system.

Janet Collier said last year's donations were about \$8,000, equating to about eighty-one cents per trip.

Driver Mark Church stated the cost to run each vehicle ranges from fifty to eighty dollars per day.

The Board asked to have on the next agenda, possible action to recommend to Council, fixed fees for the riders, rather than as it is now, based on donations.

Chairperson Ford asked if the Town could have a self-instituted and funded free pass.

Janet Collier said that is possible. Chairperson Ford asked to have Town funded and issued transit passes on the next agenda.

Chairperson Ford wants the fee structure, including amounts, to be on the agenda for action at the next meeting.

The Board asked that the next agenda include the Park and Recreation Board joining with the Health & Development Services Board as one board.

Board Member Timberlake asked that 'Reports from the Board' be on every agenda.

REPORTS:

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Starr BearCat spoke regarding the Park and Recreation Board joining with the Health & Development Services Board as one board.

Board Member Rita Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at and **Board Member Timberlake seconded** the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:19 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of March ~~17~~¹⁹ 2015, of the Health & Development Services Board of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on March ~~17~~¹⁹, 2015.

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

DATED this 23 day of April 2015.


Tina Abriani, Town Clerk

On behalf of the Board,

Approved:


Sally Ford, Chairperson

Next meeting to be held May 21, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.