

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES BOARD
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

The invocation was said by Board Member Rita Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

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; Shaneen Bergette, Vendor Clerk; Janet Collier, Transit Coordinator; and Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board Member Monica Timberlake moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2015 and Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Review graphic proposal for a Vendor Location sign opposite or adjacent to Quartzsite Entrance signs utilizing grant/matching funds program.

Chairperson Sally Ford asked what kinds of signs were being discussed.

Shaneen Bergette explained her idea about the sign for businesses that would be displayed before coming into the Town.

Shaneen Bergette mentioned some grants that the Town could use to purchase the signs.

Vice Chairman Elmer London talked about his experience visiting other towns and cities with these types of signs.

Board Member Monica Timberlake suggested having a sign with removable plaques to change when needed. She also mentioned where and how this sign would be displayed.

Board Member Rita Wilson said the location would have to be big enough so visitors would be able to pull over and she noted the location could be expensive.

Board Member Sue MacCracken explained how the sign would help people look for a place to stay in the Town or try to find businesses.

Chairperson Sally Ford suggested the sign be like a community board.

Transit Coordinator Janet Collier suggested the sign could be somewhere like the Business Chamber of Commerce.

Town Manager Skylor Miller suggested possibly having the signs in the rest areas outside of Town. Chairperson Sally Ford recommended the sign be multifunction to promote the businesses and events that are here year round.

Board Member Monica Timberlake commented the sign is a good concept but it needs more work to put it together.

2. Review and possible action to recommend to Council a Town of Quartzsite Transit System name and logo from contest responses.

Transit Coordinator Janet Collier listed the names that were submitted for the Town Transit System. Board Member Sue MacCracken moved to recommend QT, Hi Jolly Trolley, and The Camel Express as possible names for the Town Transit System and Vice Chairman Elmer London seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of current structure of transit fares and discussion and possible action to recommend to Council fixed fares for Quartzsite Transit System riders.

Transit Coordinator Janet Collier explained the importance of implementing a fixed daily fare rate. Town Manager Skylor Miller suggested a recommendation to Council to make the daily donation a daily fare rate.

Chairperson Sally Ford asked if the transit system does not use a fixed fare rate, if the Town Transit System will stop. Town Manager Skylor Miller answered it will not stop if the Town Council wants to spend the money it takes to run the transit system.

Town Manager Skylor Miller explained the other types of fares, like a fare per day and a fare per trip.

Transit Coordinator Janet Collier talked about how Yuma, Blythe, and Parker use fixed fare rates. Board Member Rita Wilson moved to recommend to Council a fixed fare rate for the Town Transit System and Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Council Town funded transit passes.

Board Member Monica Timberlake explained how the Town funded transit passes would be utilized. Chairperson Sally Ford asked if all the WACOG passes were being used. Transit Coordinator Janet Collier answered no.

Skylor Miller talked about several programs that WACOG offers that can help people.

Chairperson Sally Ford suggested having WACOG information available when people go to apply for WACOG passes.

Chairperson Sally Ford moved to table the Town funded transit passes.

5. Discussion regarding the possible merger of the Health and Development Services Board with the Park and Recreation Board.

Vice Chairperson Elmer London wondered how they would have time to talk about more agenda items.

Town Manager Skylor Miller talked about the Park and Recreation Board responsibilities.

Board Member Suellen Pennington stepped out at 4:43 p.m.

Shanana Rain BearCat talked about her visits to the park and what could be improved.

Board Member Suellen Pennington returned at 4:46 p.m.

Shanana Rain commented on the Health and Development Services Board possibly having too much to focus on to improve the park.

Board Member Rita Wilson said she believes the Parks and Recreation should have their own board. Chairperson Sally Ford commented the boards should be filled with willing volunteers.

Town Manager Skylor Miller talked about needing other types of volunteers for community events. The Health and Development Services Board decided to table the agenda item due to no current interest in merging with the Park and Recreation Board.

REPORTS:

1. Reports from the Board.

Town Manager Skylor Miller explained how the Health and Development Services Board is also the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and how this board cannot go dark anymore. Board Member Monica Timberlake mentioned the Young Americans College of Performing Arts will be in Blythe on Sunday and is trying to bring them to Quartzsite for next year.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Shanana Rain BearCat described her new calendar website. She also explained how to navigate through the calendar and how anybody could add their event.

Town Manager Skylor Miller commented about the current cemetery improvements.

ADJOURNMENT:

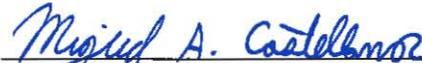
Board Member Rita Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2015, of the Health & Development Services Board of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on April 16, 2015.

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

DATED this 26 day of May 2015.


Miguel Castellanos, Deputy Town Clerk

On behalf of the Board,

Approved:


Sally Ford, Chairperson

Next meeting to be held June 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.