

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BOARD
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015, 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Led by Board Member Rita Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chairperson Sally Ford.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

Chairperson: Sally Ford, present

Board Member: Sue MacCracken, present

Board Member: Rita Wilson, present

Board Member: Ginnie Duffin, absent

Vice Chairman: Elmer London, present

Board Member: Suellen Pennington, present

Board Member: Monica Timberlake, present

BUSINESS

1. Review of Volunteer Appreciation Award nominations for qualified nominees and possible action to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

There was a discussion between the Board and the Town Manager regarding the Town Council's involvement in the award process.

Town Manager Miller said the process need not be reviewed by the Council; it could just be reported to the Council.

Both 'Nominate a Volunteer' boxes were opened.

There was a discussion and consensus that volunteers are not qualified for nomination if they are being paid for their volunteerism.

Town Manager Miller read the names on the nomination forms aloud.

Town Manager Miller suggested that the nominees be listed with a brief statement of their volunteerism on the voting form.

There was a discussion of how many volunteers would receive an award.

Chairperson Sally Ford suggested that all nominees receive certificates and pins.

Town Manager Miller suggested that the 'top three' winners receive awards.

There was a discussion of awards for couples.

The Board confirmed that only year-round residents are qualified nominees.

Board Member Monica Timberlake moved to open the agenda item for public participation, and Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Motion Passed.

Shanana Rain BearCat shared her views of couples' nominations.

There was discussion regarding how many people would win awards.

Town Manager Miller said the nomination form would say, "Only one individual nomination per form will be accepted," in future nomination campaigns.

Town Manager Miller stated forty-two nomination forms had been retrieved from the internet.

The total number of nominees, from the internet and in paper form, was thirty-two with two in question as to whether or not they were paid for their volunteerism.

The Board decided that the voters could vote for three winners.

2. Review and discussion of Town Promotional funds availability, advertising and timeline and possible action to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

Town Manager Miller stated approximately \$8,000 had been earmarked in the approved Fiscal Year 15-16 Tentative Budget for funding of community outreach efforts by non-profits.

The Board asked that the funding availability be advertised in a press release, the newspapers, Facebook and the radio.

3. Discussion of a Quartzsite Camel Express transit trip to Phoenix.

Transit Coordinator, Janet Collier, asked the Board questions about what kind of trips they would like to see established.

There was discussion of Janet Collier's research regarding costs and lengths of time for trips. The Board discussed what it hoped to see for the transit system's special trips to sites and events.

Timelines of various events and activities were discussed.

Chairperson Sally Ford suggested trips to Blythe, Lake Havasu City, and Yuma for field trips or cultural excursions.

There was a discussion regarding how long the trips may take; the need for food at least twice during the trips; drinks; and restroom breaks.

Various sites to see, events to attend and places to visit were discussed.

Town Manager Miller asked the Board Members if they would like a list of appropriately priced, located and timed cultural events and other opportunities using existing transit vans. The Board responded affirmatively.

Chairperson Sally Ford moved to open the agenda item to public discussion and Board Member Suellen Pennington seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

Shanana Rain BearCat suggested the Board submit suggestions to the staff and that staff perform an internet search for free things for to do.

Town Manager Miller explained public transit could not be a self-sustaining service. He said transit is a value added service.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:27 p.m.

Board Member Monica Timberlake moved to adjourn and Suellen Pennington seconded the motion.

Chairperson Sally Ford discussed the regular meeting scheduled for August and the special meeting to be held on August 27, 2015 for the votes for the Volunteer Appreciation Award winners. The Board decided to have a single special meeting on August 27, 2015 that would combine both meetings.

The Board voted on the motion to adjourn and the second. The vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of August 6, 2015, of the Health & Development Services Board of the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, held on August 6, 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

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