

MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVENUE, QUARTZSITE, AZ, 85346
SPECIAL MEETING OF
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 2:28 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chairman Simpson

ROLL CALL:

Chairman: Norm Simpson, present
Commissioner: Jim Murphy, present

Vice Chairman: Jesse Hearne, present
Commissioner: Dennis Kuehl, present

APPROVAL / AMENDMENT OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Kuehl moved to accept the agenda as read and amended. Commissioner Jim Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Motion Passed.

MINUTES:

Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 16, 2013; Work Session of April 30, 2013; Work Session of May 15, 2013; Special Meeting of May 21, 2013; Work Session of May 29, 2013; Work Session of June 17, 2013; Work Session of June 20, 2013; Work Session of July 11, 2013, Work Session of August 15, 2013, Special Meeting of September 9, 2013 and Work Session of September 19, 2013.

Commissioner Murphy moved to accept the minutes as read and Commissioner Hearne seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Motion Passed.

BUSINESS:

1. Review and discuss the **Parks, Recreation and Open Space** Element; the **Growth Areas** Element; and the **Conservation, the Environment and Water Resources** Element.

Open for Public Discussion

The Director of the Community Development Services, Steve Henrichs, noted that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element, as well as the Growth Areas Element are not required to be included in the General Plan pursuant to A.R.S. §9-461.05.

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element was reviewed aloud by Director Henrichs.

There was discussion of bike paths and walking paths.

Council Member Kelley mentioned a pocket park on the south side of the Town.

The Mayor explained that a portion of land contributed to the Town for a park, would be deeded to the Town and the Town would have the liability for the park.

The Mayor said that if someone would be put out a call to the community for volunteers to help develop a park, volunteers would respond.

The Growth Areas element was reviewed aloud by Director Henrichs.

This element is an elective, not a requirement. During the public participation portion of the general plan process, the Town will learn what the citizens want to see in the way of growth areas. The Director recommended that the Town not encourage growth in areas where the Town does not have the infrastructure. The infrastructure should meet the zoning.

The Conservation, the Environment and Water Resources element was reviewed aloud by Director Henrichs.

The Conservation Element is an elective, not a requirement.

The Mayor stated he had spoken to many Mayors from many cities and has learned that several are suffering with limited water supplies due to the drought.

It was noted that there is a need for signage at historical sites to attract visitors.

The Water Resources element is not required by state statute.

2. Review and discuss the 2013 General Plan Survey of Residents – In Progress.

Open for Public Discussion

The Director reviewed methods for the public to access the survey and how the Town might advertise the information.

The Mayor asked if data is currently being gathered. The Director said the survey is under construction. The Mayor asked that the data be publicized as he is interested in the ongoing results.

The survey results will be updated every two weeks.

Commissioner Murphy asked that a little notice to be put in everyone's mailbox listing the ways to take the survey.

The Director said the methods to take the survey would be published in newspapers and announced on the radio.

On the 30th September the Director would like the survey finalized.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Town Council to reduce the number of Commissioners on the Planning & Zoning Commission to five.

The Chairman stated a five member board would be beneficial to the process.

Commissioner Hearne moved to recommend to Council a five member board and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. Motion Passed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Town Council to become a stakeholder in the La Paz County Economic Corporation Program.

The Chairman said to be a member of the La Paz Economic Development Corporation Program as a stakeholder will give the Town a full-time representative that is actively marketing town wide, county wide and state wide. It is a non-profit organization.

The Chairman said a representative of the La Paz Economic Development Corporation Program will be happy to come before the Council to give a presentation.

Commissioner Kuehl moved to recommend to bring the possibility to become a stakeholder with the La Paz Economic Development Corporation Program during the next council meeting of October 8, 2013. Commissioner Hearne seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:06 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting scheduled for September 23, 2013, of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Quartzsite, Arizona.

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

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2013

Tina Abriani, Secretary

On behalf of the Commission

Approved:

Norm Simpson, Chairman