MINUTES
TOWN OF QUARTZSITE
465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVE, QUARTZSITE AZ 85346
REGULAR MEETING of the
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015, AT 3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 3:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Dole

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson: Terry Frausto, present
Commissioner: Jim Murphy, present
Commissioner: David Collier, present
Commissioner: Vacant
Vice Chairman: Jesse Hearne, absent
Commissioner: Dennis Kuehl, present
Commissioner: Dennis Dole, present

STAFF PRESENT: Skylor Miller, Town Manager; Emmett Brinkerhoff, Public Works Director; Dana Andersen, Parks Director; and Tonya Hoogerwerf, Building Inspector.

MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes of February 17, 2015 regular meeting and February 23, 2015 special meeting.

Commissioner Collier motioned to approve the minutes and Commissioner Dole seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Main Street Beautification. Presentation by Public Works Director, Emmett Brinkerhoff on the beautification of Main Street. Discussion and public participation.

Public Works Director, Emmett Brinkerhoff, presented to the Commission the federally funded projects totaling $1,295,991.00 in federal funding through WACOG 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, and the local contribution of $56,550.00. Town of Quartzsite projects that were funded are N. Moon Mountain Road construction, sidewalk, signing, striping and Hi Jolly way directional signage. Along B-10 it is planned to have new pedestrian rest stop shelters and new trees planted. Dana Andersen, Parks Director, spoke of the new proposed automated irrigation system to be installed. Existing decomposed granite will be replaced with larger ¾" to 1" new decomposed granite.

Emmett spoke about a new Highly Intensity Activated Crosswalk that will replace the crosswalk area on Main St. along B-10, near McDonald's. The "HAWK" system will have new lighting and signage.

Emmett also presented the Exit 17 rebuild, an ADOT project, starting in fiscal year 2016. ADOT planned to install stoplights and to widen both ramps on Main and Quartzsite Blvd. There was discussion of a possible Intergovernmental Agreement with ADOT in the future, once this project is completed, in order to do some landscaping on the slopes along Exit 17.

The next federally funded project presented was North Moon Mountain Ave reconstruction which was funded through Surface Transportation Program. Reconstruction consists of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of Moon Mountain. The gutters will divert water to Bennett Wash in the event of nearby rainfall. Some water utility valves will be replaced and ADA crosswalk ramps will be installed at Moon Mountain and Cowell St. With the funding from Safe Routes to School, path improvements are planned for along Quail Trail St. by the Quartzsite Elementary School and along Coyote St. by the Ed Options Education Center, as well as a planned new pathway on Kofa Ave. in front of Arizona Western College.

The Town received federal funding for design of new signage and inventory software for the Town's Public Works Department which has GPS capabilities.

Discussion with the Commission, Town Manager, Skylor Miller, and Emmett Brinkerhoff regarding possible new projects for the future beautification of Quartzsite. This also includes landscaping agreements with the business owners along B-10, and possibly getting marquees installed at the gateways through Town to promote local organizations.

Owner of Hardies Bead and Jewelry, Steve Hardie, spoke regarding the beautification of Main Street and asked about the hard landscaping project. He mentioned that the right of ways through the west of Town are pretty narrow. He stated that individual businesses should be responsible for cleaning up the weeds in their right of way.

Chairperson Frausto asked if the Parks Department has any grants they can apply to fund future projects, such as grants for re-facing businesses on Main Street. Town Manager, Skylor Miller, mentioned block grant funding from Department of Housing is available. The Commission discussed possibly asking for business owners' participation in coming up with a theme for re-facing business frontage and possible assistance from the Business Chamber.

Possible next agenda items:

1. Re-evaluation of the General Plan and rezoning Mockingbird Corridor.
2. Discussion with the public of the beautification of Town Quartzsite.
3. Good idea to send out notices to business owners to invite them to give input regarding ways to assist in cleaning up the frontage of B-10.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Collier seconded. All in favor. 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 Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2015, of the Planning & Zoning Commission of Quartzsite, Arizona and a quorum was present.

Dated this 16 day of June, 2015

Tonya Hoogerwerf, Building Inspector

APPROVED:

Terry Frausto, Commission Chairperson