

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF QUARTZSITE**  
**465 NORTH PLYMOUTH AVE, QUARTZSITE AZ 85346**  
**REGULAR MEETING of the**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016, 3:00 P.M.**  
**AMENDED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 3:04 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson: Vacant  
Commissioner: Jim Murphy, present  
Commissioner: David Collier, present  
Commissioner: Steve Schue, present

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

**MINUTES:** Approve February 16, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Collier motioned to approve the minutes as written and Commissioner Kuehl seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Nominate and elect a new Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson.

Commissioner Collier volunteered for the Chairman position. Commissioner Schue nominated Commissioner Collier and Vice Chairman Hearne seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Discussion, review and possible recommendation to Council of proposed zoning code amendment to Article III, Rules of Construction, Section 2, Definitions pertaining to crafter/craft sale.

Skylor Miller requested to take one step back from action items 2 and 3 and would like to schedule a public hearing with possible action for the next Planning and Zoning meeting. The public hearing that will be an amendment of the zoning code. Vice Chairman Hearne motioned to table action items 2 and 3 and Commissioner Schue seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed.

3. Discussion, review and possible recommendation to Council of proposed zoning code amendment to Article VII, General Provisions, Section 22, Yard Sales, Swap Meets, and Rummage Sales. Adding a Paragraph 3 for "Craft Sale".

## WORK SESSION:

1. Review and discussion of proposed study areas for future commercial growth. Consider date and time for Open House at the Community Center.

Skylor would like to set up an open house at the community center and would like to put it on the calendar but would like more time to get the word out to the public. Deadline for an ad in the newspaper would be Wednesday, the April 27<sup>th</sup>. The ad will run in the paper on the May 4. Open house is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the General Plan Study Area, Open house to be scheduled at the community center, public comment, public participation is highly encouraged.

Vice Chairman Hearne motioned to open to public and Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Opened for public discussion.

2. Discussion of possible zoning regulation amendments to promote agricultural opportunities within the Town.

Skylor Miller stated that Director of the Quartzsite Business Chamber Philip Cushman was approached for possible business and community fundraiser opportunities to partner with 4-H for a vendor for the upcoming season to raise swine in the Town. Unfortunately Town Code is quite prohibited of raising swine in the Town limits. The only agriculture allowed is in the RA5 and SR districts. Skylor Quoted the zoning regulation Article 5, Paragraph 4, "Farm animals that are maintained so as not to create or cause a nuisance and are limited to future farmers, 4-H or similar livestock projects conducted by the occupants of the premises. Three animals may be kept on two acres plus two animals for each additional acre and all livestock and poultry kept shall be kept confined to the premises by erection and maintenance of a stock tight fence and necessary cattle guard and notwithstanding any other provision only one hog may be kept on the premises." Skylor stated there is a conflict on Town Code on this in Chapter 6, Section 6-1-5 which states "It is unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs in the Town." Town code supersedes the Zoning Articles unless it is a legal non conforming use. Skylor Miller asked if the Town is interested in making agriculture more available in a limited way, to the community and do we want to open up the language to enable more animal husbandry.....

Commissioner Kuehl asked the question. Why the swine were prohibited within the town to begin with? Skylor Miller answered; pigs were considered a special nuisance.

Skylor Miller suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission should recommend to Council to review the Code due to a conflict between the Zoning Articles and Town Code.

Star Bearcat stated that the issue with pigs has been around for awhile 4-H according to 4-H you can raise a pig, rabbits, chickens etc. but Town Code says you can't. Her personal experience is that rabbits breed, get sick, die and she had spent nine months having to deal with the dead animals due a person next door that participated in 4-H and the rabbits died and became a nuisance. Who is going to enforce the issue of the clean-up of the animals? Star

suggested that code enforcement should make sure the animals that are now under 4-H are taken care of and that people are taking the responsibility for these animals.

Skylor Miller stated that there needs to be some clarification of the code, paragraph 4, B is ambiguous. Not clear cut language the two statements should be separated. Animals that can be kept on a minimum of two acres also need to be clarified as well.

Discussion on the code and clarification of the code in regards to swine, pigs, and hogs.

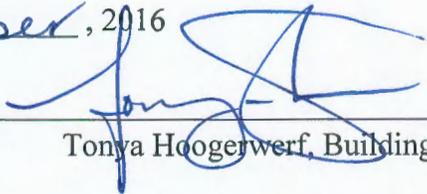
Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and Vice Chairman Hearne seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 4:01 P.M.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 19, 2016, of the Planning & Zoning Commission of Quartzsite, Arizona and a quorum was present.

Dated this 23 day of September, 2016



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Tonya Hoogerwerf, Building Inspector



APPROVED:

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David Collier, Commission Chairman