TOWN OF FLORENCE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 03, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M. IN RUGGLES ROOM 1, LOCATED AT 778 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, AZ.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pinson called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Don Pinson, Tom Smith, Kelly Williams, Donald Woolridge

Absent:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of nomination and election of a new Commission Chair.

Boardmember Woolridge nominated Don Pinson to continue serving as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair.

On motion by Boardmember Woolridge, seconded by Boardmember Williams, and carried to appoint Don Pinson as new Commission Chair.

b. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of nomination and election of a new Commission Vice Chair.

Chair Pinson nominated Boardmember Williams to be the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vice Chair.

On motion by Chair Pinson, seconded by Boardmember Woolridge, and carried to appoint Kelly Williams as new Commission Vice Chair.

c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Minutes from the October 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

On motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Williams, and carried to approve Minutes from the October 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

d. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting Schedule.

On motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Woolridge, and carried to approve the 2018 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting schedule with the meeting start time of 4:00 P.M.

e. Discussion of future Park/Open Space/Community Services Projects in the proposed FY18-19 Capital Improvement Plan. (Bryan Hughes)

i. Poston Butte Preserve Expansion

Liaison Hughes stated Council had approved a resolution to apply for two parcels with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Poston Butte. Liaison Hughes stated he is hoping to get a new entry way, parking, new trails and maybe some Ramadas.
Chair Pinson asked if there has been any work done to the trails at Poston Butte?
Liaison Hughes stated that there has not been any trail work done. Liaison Hughes stated he would like to remove the old communications box and return the summit to its natural environment. Liaison Hughes anticipates for all modifications to Poston Butte to be completed by 2025.
Member Smith commented that originally Poston Butte, known by locals as "F" Mountain, was given to the Museum to protect it from being mined, shortly the Museum gave it to the Town.

ii. Active Transportation Plan (Bryan Hughes)

Liaison Hughes shared with the Board that the Town did not place in the top five for the grant we applied for with Maricopa Association of Governments aka MAG, but that MAG had found extra money and that we were the first to reserve it.
Chair Pinson asked how Council stood on cost recovery, is it dollar for dollar?
Liaison Hughes stated that the no, but there may be 30%, 60%, or higher for cost recovery.

iii. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Liaison Hughes shared with the Board that staff will be updating the Parks and Recreation Compressive Plan beginning in July and that it will take 9-12 months.

iv. Site Specific Park Master Plan

Liaison Hughes shared with the Board that there will be some site-specific work being done to Parks. For example, Liaison Hughes expressed that Heritage Park seems "unfinished" to him, and that he would like to work on getting ownership of Main St. Park.

v. Florence Veterans Memorial

Liaison Hughes shared with the Board that there was a request to fund the construction of the Florence Veterans Memorial through Comprehensive Improvement Plan (CIP) and allocated $40,000 for the project.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Recreation Programming (John Nixon)

John Nixon updated the Board on Recreation Programming.

b. Senior Center (Laura Carter)

Laura Carter updated the Board on the Senior Center.

c. Parks Maintenance (Bryan Hughes)

Liaison Hughes updated the Board on Parks Maintenance.

d. Arts and Culture Commission (Bryan Hughes)

Liaison Hughes updated the Board on the Arts and Culture Commission.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/BOARD RESPONSE

Council Liaison Kristen Larsen suggested to the Board, for next year's Tree planting we need to make it more of an event and invite Council to attend.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD. COUNCIL RULES LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO THREE MINUTES. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE COMMENTING, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW A MATTER RAISED OR MAY ASK THAT A MATTER BE PUT ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY MATTER DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION.

7. CALL TO THE BOARD – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

8. ADJOURNAMENT

On motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Woolridge, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 P.M.

Approved:

Don Pinson, Board Chair

Florence Community Services Department

Youth Scholarship Program Information & Application

DESCRIPTION: The Town of Florence's Youth Scholarship Program assists eligible Florence families by providing financial assistance to youth, 17 years and under. The scholarship program is applicable to only Florence Community Services recreation and aquatics programs which require fee payment. To apply, complete the Program Fee Assistance Application and return to the Community Center along with the required financial documentation.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- Scholarship assistance is available only for Florence youth, 17 years and younger.
- Scholarships are available per fiscal year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).
- Scholarships are dependent upon available donor funds and can be terminated or suspended at any time.
- Scholarship financial assistance is $200 maximum, per family per fiscal year.
- Family financial assistance is determined based on Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (see chart).
- All financial documentation and a completed class/program registration form, must be submitted with the Program Fee Assistance Application. If approved, only a registration form is required for each requested, specific class/program stating that your Scholarship Application was approved.
- Allow 10 to 14 business days for application review and processing.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION (any two of the following):
(Copies Only; DO NOT submit original documents)

- Most recent Federal Tax Return for individuals in household receiving income
- Most recent paycheck or unemployment check stubs
- Most recent Social Security or Social Security Disability Award letter(s)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Women, Infants, Children (WIC) verifications

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Please review your application to make sure it is legible and complete
- ✓ Include all required copies of financial documentation. (Do not submit originals. The Town of Florence is not responsible for any original financial documents submitted).
- ✓ Include a completed class/program registration form.
- ✓ Return your completed application and all other documents to:
  Florence Community Services Department
  P.O. Box 2670
  Florence, Arizona 85132
- ✓ Drop off application and documents at:
  Florence Library and Community Center
  778 N. Main Street
  Florence, Arizona
- ✓ Questions, please call: (520) 868-7589