

TOWN OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Davis, Boardmember Bracco, Boardmember Leaman, Boardmember Palaia

Absent: Boardmember Gutierrez, Boardmember T. Macfie, Boardmember Mendoza, Youth Liaison H. Macfie,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of Recommendation of regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2023.

On motion by Boardmember Bracco, seconded by Boardmember Palaia, and carried (5-0) to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12, 2023.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of the updated Community Services Advisory Board Public Art Program Guidelines.

Staff Liaison, Paul King, Community Services Director, informed the Board that he took back the questions, comments and the clarifications that were discussed at the last meeting. Liaison King went through those again, he noticed a few other things that needed to be corrected or clarified and tried to make this more of a streamlined, simplified process with a lot of the language. The criteria section we left that pretty much alone same thing with the design content. Our work approval procedures have been simplified where it really shows just what the Boardmember is proposing and what the board does to accept it.

Boardmember Leaman asked Liaison King to clarify RFP from proposal as it still confusing and to review the RFP section as she didn't see the Community Services Advisory Board responsibilities listed.

Liaison King clarified that the RFP is procurement language which stands for Request for Proposals, this is not to be confused with project proposals that Boardmembers will be submitting. A request for proposal (RFP) is to solicit bids from qualified contractors to complete

the project; the Community Services Advisory Board Art Proposal is a project idea that the Boardmember would apply and present to the Board for consideration.

Boardmember Leaman asked for clarity on the art finalist selection panel, as there is no aforementioned information about the selection panel.

Liaison King stated that the selection panel will be determined by both Procurement and the Finance Department.

Boardmember Leaman mentioned she would like the selection panel to include a Boardmember and for that information to be put on to the Public Art Program Guidelines.

Liaison King stated he will bring back the Public Art Program Guidelines back to the Board with the recommended changes at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES – INFORMATION ONLY

Liaison King updated the Board on the Community Services Department and did a short presentation of Florence Makes a Difference Day summary.

Florence Makes a Difference Day had about 14 different projects. We estimate 200 volunteers attended this event, we had about 175 register and some just showed up that day. Some of the projects that were done included: the painting of the " F on Poston Butte, trees were trimmed, cleaned the Community Garden, the cemetery and the Veterans Memorial Plaza was cleaned-up. Liaison King stated that the event was a great success, and he thanked staff for their part in the event and especially Erasmo Mendivil for organizing the whole thing.

Liaison King proceeded to do the Presentation of Special Events through December 2023.

In November, the Town of Florence will be hosting the 91st Junior Parada Rodeo and Parade. The Rodeo runs Thanksgiving weekend at the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds and the parade will be at 10 am on Saturday, November 25th. On Historic Main Street. On December 1st, the Hometown Holiday event and parade will be on Historic Main Street. The event starts at 5 pm and the parade starts at 8:30 pm. December 9th, Breakfast with Santa will be hosted here at the Community Center from 9 am – 11 am, pre-registration is required. Santa Cruise will be on the evening of December 21st. Santa will cruise through the Anthem @ Merrill Ranch Community and then through Downtown Florence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC/BOARD RESPONSE

CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ISSUES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES 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.

No public comment

CALL TO THE BOARD – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Vice-Chair Davis asked for an update on Poston Butte Preserve.

Boardmember Palaia conveyed that she is opposed of gorgeous bank of bougainvillea being hacked off at Jaques Square and asked that staff not prune plants when they are blooming.

Chair Lewis thanked everyone that helped at the 2023 Florence Makes a Difference Day event, and he looks forward to participating again next year, which will be his seventh-year volunteering for this event. Chair Lewis mentioned that when he was working on the Poston Butte project with the kids for this event, that he shared a little historical fact with the kids and Chair Lewis was amazed at how many kids did not know the history of the Poston Butte pyramid, but he was overjoyed that he shared that with them.

Council Liaison Buccellato suggested Department Heads and Councilmembers be assigned a group of volunteers for the Florence Makes a Difference Day so that way they can bridge the gap between government and youth by exposing the youth to the workings of government processes.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Vice-Chair Davis, seconded by Boardmember Palaia, and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Approved:



David Lewis, Board Chair