

## **TOWN OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Leaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Leaman, Vice-Chair Bracco, Boardmember Palaia, Boardmember Hitchcock, Boardmember Gutierrez, Boardmember Jaimes, Boardmember Little

Absent:

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Leaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PRESENTATIONS (MAYOR TARA WALTER)**

Mayor Tara Walter on behalf of the Florence Town Council presented each Boardmember with a gift of gratitude for their service to the Community Services Advisory Board and the Town of Florence.

#### **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2024.**

On motion by Boardmember Hitchcock, seconded by Vice-Chair Bracco, and carried (7-0) to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 13, 2024.

#### **DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF PUBLIC ART GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (PAUL KING)**

Staff Liaison King informed the Board that he had discussed grant opportunities with the Town of Florence Grants Coordinator, Jennifer Evans. Liaison King stated that Ms. Evans has access to many resources and asked the Board to come up with ideas on projects to help guide the search for grants.

Chair Leaman suggested having the Missoula Children's Theatre program that is hosted by the Town of Florence to possibly be funded by a grant.

Liaison King will direct staff to research and compile the program details for the Missoula Children's Theatre and bring back the information to the Board.

Boardmember Gutierrez asked if there is listing of available grants that the Board may review and choose what grants they want to apply for?

Liaison King stated he will work with staff on creating categories for programs or projects that may potentially be funded through a grant.

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF AQUATIC CENTER ART MURAL (PAUL KING)**

Liaison King informed the Board that the Aquatic Center art mural is well on its way. There was a break in the weather and the Artist was able to get started on the project.

Boardmember Jaimes stated that one of the murals has the “5 Cs of Arizona” - Copper, Cotton, Citrus, Cattle and Climate. The other mural has slightly changed, it has more “selfie ready” elements, like a cactus flexing its muscles, and a Two-tailed Swallowtail, which is the Arizona State butterfly. Ms. Jaimes mentioned that even though the catfish in the initial renderings was very controversial, a lot of individuals has stopped by as she’s working and told her stories of when they were young the Town had a fishing derby and they would catch catfish, and having the catfish on the renderings reminded them of wonderful times they had as youths.

Boardmember Little asked if there would be a sealant to increase the longevity of the mural. Liaison King stated that once the mural is completed, the Park Maintenance staff will seal the mural with a clear coat. If needed, the Town will be able to contract an artist to do any touch ups.

Youth Liaison Rankin mentioned that the mural truly represents the Town of Florence and the State of Arizona at large and is happy to have this in our town.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC DESIGN APPLICATION FOR A CHALK ART PROJECT (CHAIRPERSON LEAMAN)**

Chair Leaman informed the Board that a public chalk art project idea was derived from a meeting she had with a local member of the community, a school board official and town staff. Chair Leaman suggests making this an annual event or project, where sidewalks or streets may have chalk art on them. Chair Leaman would like to have Junior Parada be the first event the chalk art is displayed, as it is a historical event for the town and there will be many visitors to enjoy the art. Chair Leaman suggested contracting an artist or seek the communities help for art renderings as the idea is to have a “paint by number” type artwork drawn out, except instead of paint, chalk will be media used.

Chair Leaman mentioned that one of the ideas is to have local schools participate.

Boardmember Gutierrez stated that this project reminded him of when the Seniors at the High School paint out their parking space.

Boardmember Hitchcock suggested to open the project to all schools within the Florence School District.

Liaison King mentioned that in his experience, chalk paint projects have been very successful having folks work on them day of the event.

Youth Liaison Rankin suggested for this first year, invite local schools and assign them a specific location to chalk and if the participants enjoy it, the Board may consider expanding the program and coordinate with local schools again in the future for a friendly “challenge” where each school would create their own chalk art near their actual school and submit photos to vote for a winner of the challenge.

Chair Leaman liked the idea and added that it could be worked into a travelling competition, where the location would be announced to the public to come and check it out, and it may span out to two months depending on the number of schools participating.

Boardmember Little asked Liaison King to research if there are any restrictions on spending town funds on schools that are considered outside of the Town of Florence town limits.

Liaison King stated that the intention is to always support local businesses first, but maybe in the future with sponsorships we may be able to expand outside of the Town.

Liaison King informed the Board that he can direct staff to create the activity for the Junior Parada Parade event or he can come back next month with a drafted Chalk Art Project with funding and art details to potentially have the first chalk art activity at the Hometown Holiday event.

Boardmember Little suggested waiting for the draft and asked to have a budget (not to exceed) included in the draft and a plan for delays or cancellations due to weather conditions.

#### **DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF RESIGNATION OF BOARDMEMBER DAVIS (PAUL KING)**

Liaison King informed the Board of Boardmember Carolyn Davis’s resignation from the Community Services Advisory Board. With this resignation, it does create a vacancy for the Board. Interviews will be held soon to help appoint new members to fill the four vacancies (two regular and two alternates).

#### **DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Liaison King briefly updated the Board with the department monthly report, which includes revenue, participation and upcoming event information.

The following updates were briefly discussed:

- A recap video from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was shared with the Board.
- The skate park was also dedicated on 4th of July.
- Stabilization of the Cypress Trees at the Cemetery

Liaison King informed the Board that he will be absent from the October 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Liaison King requested for feedback from the Board if the Board would like to hold a special meeting or cancel the meeting altogether.

The Board unanimously agreed to tentatively schedule the Special Meeting for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chair Leaman mentioned that it wasn't included in the Director update, but Florence Copper donated the Town of Florence Community Services \$50,000 for Heritage Park playground upgrades.

#### **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 Bracco thanked Chair Leaman for bringing the Board's first project. Vice-Chair Bracco is excited there is finally some momentum growing on projects from this Board.

Chair Leaman suggested holding the September meeting at the Aquatic Center, so the Board has the opportunity to view the completed murals and ask Jeff Graves to come take pictures.

Boardmember Gutierrez shared that he is excited to see the art project that are coming together and urged other Boardmembers to find more ideas for the Board to do.

Youth Liaison Rankin shared that he is very excited to be on this Board, and that its refreshing to see that this Board is not absolutely strict and likes to have fun. Liaison Rankin is looking forward to working closely with this Board and see a lot of these great ideas through with the Board.

Chair Leaman thanked Youth Liaison Rankin and expressed the importance of hearing the voices of the youth.

Boardmember Little mentioned she is excited to be on the Board.

Boardmember Hitchcock reiterated that she is excited to continue to come up with ideas for future projects.

Council Liaison Larsen expressed her appreciation to the Board for having the youth involved, for being mindful of both legal and budgetary concerns and urged Staff Liaison King to expedite these ideas so the Board does not lose momentum. Liaison Larsen continued to express her

appreciation of the Board and mentioned that has been a Council Liaison for this Board for the past eight years and she believes this group is fantastic.


Council Liaison Buccellato echoed what Council Liaison Larsen stated and added that she's proud to hear how fun the group is and to see all the smiles and urged the Board to keep up the good work and to reach out to Council if anything is needed by the Board.

Chair Leaman thanked the Council Liaisons for their continued support and guidance, especially at the Council meetings.

## **ADJOURNAMENT**

On motion by Boardmember Palaia, seconded by Boardmember Gutierrez, and carried (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

Approved:



Kathleen Leaman, Board Chair

