

TOWN OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Staff Liaison, Paul King called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Boardmember Bracco, Boardmember Leaman, Boardmember Palaia, Boardmember Hitchcock, Boardmember Gutierrez, Boardmember Jaimes

Absent: Vice-Chair Davis, Boardmember Macfie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Liaison King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2024.

On motion by Boardmember Leaman, seconded by Boardmember Palaia, and carried (6-0) to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2024.

NOMINATE AND MAJORITY SELECT CHAIR, AND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS.

Boardmember Leaman nominated herself for the Chair position and briefly shared with the Board that she has been on the Community Services Advisory Board for two years and has been very active in attending Council meetings since she moved to Town in 2020. Boardmember Leaman is also on the Police Chiefs Incident Reporting Committee. Boardmember Leaman is passionate about getting public artwork in Town to draw more people to visit Florence and have destination photos like other municipalities throughout Arizona and other States.

Boardmember Bracco nominated himself for the Chair position and briefly shared with the Board that he too has been on the Community Services Advisory Board for two years and is happy that a lot of the ideas that the Board has been working on are starting to get projects going. Boardmember Bracco also mentioned that his reason for self-nominating for the Chair position is to have a deeper involvement in the Community and is excited to see all the new items that are coming to agendas.

The majority vote (5-1 *Bracco*) was to select Boardmember Leaman as the new Chair of the Community Services Advisory Board.

Boardmember Gutierrez nominated Boardmember Bracco for the Vice-Chair position.

The majority vote (6-0) was to select Boardmember Bracco as the new Vice-Chair for the Community Services Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE AQUATIC CENTER PUBLIC CENTER ART MURAL RENDERINGS (PAUL KING)

Staff Liaison King corrected on the floor that the attachment provided in the agenda packet only had four renderings and the Artist had submitted one more. An updated version was printed out for the Board to review.

Boardmember Jaimes recused herself from this discussion as a Boardmember of the Community Services Advisory Board but will answer questions meant for the artist as she is the Artist that submitted these renderings.

Liaison King asked Ms. Jaimes to briefly describe her thought process and she tried to accomplish on each rendering.

Ms. Jaimes explained that initially the idea for the Aquatic Center mural was to reflect aquatic themes, but then considered making it more region-specific. The area used to be a shallow ocean and had the Gila River, so she drew whales and an octopus. The idea was to make the whale a photo op where people would look like they're inside it. Ms. Jaimes also considered incorporating elements of the local swim team of Florence, using the shark from their logo as a rendering. The second mural concept included the water tower, water flowing into the Gila River. After getting feedback, Ms. Jaimes changed the whale to a catfish to represent the local fishing scene. She included cotton balls as clouds representing the area's cotton, and citrus and cactus. The Mountain range in the background may be changed to "F" Mountain. I wanted to ensure continuity between the two spaces since they would be on the same building side. I'm open to answering any questions about the designs.

Boardmember Gutierrez liked the feedback about having "F" Mountain incorporated and that the water tower is on one of the renderings.

Chair Leaman mentioned she likes the catfish rendering the most as it captures many aspects of the area with the citrus, cactus and catfish.

Both Boardmember Palaia and Boardmember Hitchcock stated their two favorite renderings were the Catfish and the Water Tower.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 (PAUL KING)

Liaison King went over the different Capital Improvement Projects that have been approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2025 *listed as follows:*

- 60' Deck Mower replacement
- Aquatics Complex equipment replacement
- Ball field Renovations
- Banquet Tables
- Brush Dump Trailer
- Commercial Refrigerator
- Flatbed Trailer
- Hot/Cold Power Washer Tow behind
- Hydration Stations 5 locations
- Mini Van for Give-A-Lift
- New tables for Library/Community Ctr
- New/Upgraded AV Equipment for Community Ctr
- Padilla Park Fence repair/paint
- Padilla Park Stage shade
- HP Playground replacement
- POC-31 Poston Butte
- POC-35 Rodeo Grounds
- POC-41 Architectural barrier removal Parks and Senior Center
- POC-48 Parks Maintenance Build/Shop
- POC-50 Rodeo Grounds Entrance
- Replace Dog Park fencing
- Replace Skate Park fencing
- Scoreboards at HP Ball fields
- Synthetic Turf Project
- Tree stump grinder
- Perimeter Fence replacement at AC

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE UPDATE DRAFT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC ART PROGRAM GUIDELINES (PAUL KING)

Liaison King informed the Board that all feedback and corrections had been updated to the Community Services Advisory Board Public Art Program Guidelines Draft.

On motion by Vice-Chair Bracco, seconded by Boardmember Palaia and carried (*5-0) to approve the updated draft for the Community Services Advisory Board Public Art Program Guidelines.

**At 7:14 pm, Boardmember Hitchcock was having connection issues and was unable to vote; she kept getting booted off, eventually she was unable to reconnect.*

DEPARTMENT UPDATES – INFORMATION ONLY

Recruitment for Advisory Board Members

Liaison King stated that they are still actively recruiting for vacant positions on the Community Services Advisory Board.

Poston Butte Preserve

Liaison King informed the Board he is hopeful the access point issue will be addressed in the next fiscal year.

Library Hours

Liaison King informed the Board that the library is open on Mondays and is running a pilot program for extended hours for Tuesdays and Thursdays. A survey was sent out for community feedback and staff are putting together the findings.

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.

Mr. Arthur Wilkerson introduced himself to the Board as a running candidate for the Florence Town Council. Mr. Wilkerson mentioned he will be attending meetings to get familiar with local happenings and issues.

CALL TO THE BOARD – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

Recording is Inaudible

ADJOURNAMENT

On motion by Boardmember Palaia, seconded by Boardmember Gutierrez, and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Approved:



Kathleen Leaman, Board Chair