

Chair Aguilar called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM, at the Surprise Senior Center located at 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, Surprise, AZ. 85378.

Committee Member Attendance: Sherry Aguilar, Rachel Villanueva, Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz, Nancy Sagasta, Elodia Fernandez, Sylvia Rivera and Christina Ramirez. Absent: Jennifer Aguilar, Rosa Gonzalez and Ismael Gonzalez.

City Staff: Seth Dyson, Adam Lane, Jessica Weber, Lord Garcillano and Juan Marquez.

Agenda Item #1 – City staff will be covering the 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan. The specific grant that will be covered is the Community Development Block Grant. The Housing and Community Development Act provides the grants to be distributed through CDBG to eligible municipalities. Some examples of CDBG can be used for include public improvement, public facilities, and public services.

The HOME program is another program that is offered from Maricopa County. The HOME program's intent is to provide a first-time home buyer program and improvements to existing building within the community.

Chair Aguilar asked the question, "where will these funds be dedicated to, is it going to be mainly dedicated to the Original Town Site?" Adam answered, "Yes, the majority of these available grants and fund will be available to the Original Town Site but everyone that meets the necessary requirements will also be able to qualify for the assistance regardless of where they reside as long as it is in the city limits of the City of Surprise.

The City of Surprise 2025 allocation is the following:

- CDBG is an available allocation of \$702,302
- HOME is an available allocation of \$195,686

Adam Lane with HSCV recommended the committee members to fill out the Maricopa County Survey

The deadline for the survey to be submitted is August 16th.

Agenda Item #2- Chair Aguilar shared with the committee that the grant of \$5,000 from the City of Surprise has been finalized but this will be on a reimbursement basis. The committee agreed to start having biweekly meetings in September. The Committee voted that no event will be held in the Fall that is hosted by the OTS Committee and the OTS Committee members agree to have a table at the Surprise Fiesta which is on October 6th. The next OTS Stakeholder's Committee will be August 7th.

Agenda Item #3 - The next OTS Stakeholder's Committee will be August 7th. In September we will have two meeting on the 11th and the 25th to prepare for Fiesta Grande and organizing the next Founder's Day event for 2025.

Agenda Item #4 – Treasure report was provided by Prcsicilla Duenaz. She handed out an analysis of the total cost of the 2024 Founder's Day Event. The Committee's current balance is \$13,429.62.

Agenda Item #5 – Priscilla Duenaz made the motion to approve the April 17th and June 13th minutes and Rachel Villanueva seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Future Agenda Items:

- Ideas for the OTS Stakeholder's booth for the Surprise Fiesta in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM



Sherry Ann Aguilar, Committee Chair



Elio Lemus, Committee Secretary