

## **Surprise Original Townsite Stakeholders Committee – March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:04 PM. at the Surprise Senior Center located at 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, Surprise, AZ. 85378.

Committee Attendance: Sherry Aguilar, Rachel Villanueva, Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz, Jennifer Aguilar, Nancy Sagasta, Christina Ramirez, Elodia Fernandez and Tim Williams. Sylvia Rivera was absent.

City/Staff Attendance: Jacob M, Tito S, Council Member Melton, William Digger, Gustavo, Seth Dyson, SGT Galaz, Chris M, Lord G, Deb Perry, & Jamie M.

Agenda #1: Priscilla made the motion approving March 5, 2025 meeting minutes and Christina Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2:

Council Member Melton shared that the City of El Mirage has agreed to remove the recharge fee from OTS residents. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the estimated council meeting to when COS is going to vote on the intergovernmental agreement. Johnny met with BNSF and expressed the concerns with Greenway crossing. The BNSF superintendent is going to write a written directive informing his operators to not cut during peak hours.

Agenda #3:

Sherry passed out the layout of the Founder's Day event. Transportation Department mentioned that Nash and Elm will be closed at 1:00 PM. The Monday before the event, the Transportation Department will post no parking signs via the parade route notifying residents that the parade will be occurring. Elio to share the traffic shutdown plan with the committee. Jennifer requested that Parks and Recreations provide access to the water available for the Committee to use.

Sherry mentioned that the expected attendance is 1,000. No first aid tent will be provided for this event. Parks & Recreation scheduled the light for the ballpark to be on at 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

HSCV provided an update pertaining to sharing the event on the HSCV social media sites. Sherry requested a podium, A-frame signs, and extra extension cords available on the Block Party Trailer.

Agenda #4:

Priscilla shared a Treasurer report for an amount of \$9,249.63.

Agenda #5:

T-shirt, raffle, and food booth requested a mixture of \$100.00 per booth for cash on hand.

Rachel provided an update on behalf of the entertainment committee. The line dancers cannot make the event. Sherry shared that the mayor wants to say a couple of words.

Jenifer and Nancy provided an update on behalf of the food/nonfood booth vendors. There are six food booth vendors that are registered.

Elodia and Tim provided an update on the parade committee. The golf cart has been reserved and listed some parade attendees that have successfully registered. By next Wednesday Trish with HSCV will provide if Senior Center staff will be participating within the parade.

