

Surprise Original Townsite Stakeholders Committee Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on March 5, 2025 at 5:05 PM at the Surprise Senior Center located at 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, Surprise, AZ. 85378.

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

Others in attendance: Councilmember, Johnny Melton, Deb Perry, Lord Garcillano - HSCV staff.

Agenda #1: Rachel Villanueva made the motion approving the last committee meeting minutes for February 19, 2025. Tim Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2: Councilmember, Johnny Melton gave an update on the agreement with the City of El Mirage and the water surcharge to residents of the original townsite. He reported that there's an item on the City of El Mirage agenda for Council to consider eliminating that charge. CM Melton will keep the committee updated. He also mentioned that he is in the process of arranging a meeting with BNSF Railroad regarding train traffic for Surprise crossings that effect the original townsite.

HSCV Staff clarified creation of the sponsor banner, they agreed to have the City design and reported that sponsorship monies raised were \$10,500.

Agenda #3: Priscilla Duenaz gave a treasurer's report ad asked that receipts be turned in for bookkeeping purposes. Account ending balance is: **\$12,374.49**

Agenda #4: March 21st, 2025 event at Gaines Park. This item a brought up to see if any committee members would like to attend to promote Founder's Day.

Agenda #5 - Sub-Committee Updates:

T-Shirt update – Elio Lemus reported that the deadline has passed for new names for t-shirts, the names and artwork have been sent to the vendor. Looking at approximately 3 weeks for completion.

Entertainment – We are on target for Johnny Montoya's band to play, an event itinerary will be presented at the next meeting.

Vendor update – Jennifer Aguilar and Nancy Sagasta reported that they have received interest from a few new vendors. A Vendors meeting is set for Wed., March 12th. This will be the deadline to file with the County for their food vendor license.

Parade Update – Sylvia Rivera was not present but relayed to Chair Aguilar that we have 5 entry forms and will follow up with last year's entries for commitment.

Kids Games/Activities - Priscilla Duenaz provided an update for the kid games/activities subcommittee and shared the teen ideas on another method for winning prizes and ticket process. They are also looking into an art project involving rock painting that will be used for a community project.

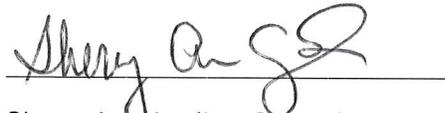
Raffle - Christina Ramirez commenting that all of the items for the raffle have been purchased and outlined what the ticket process will be. Chair Aguilar commented that the items are now available on our website for view.

Agenda #6: Discussion took place on one of our platinum sponsors asking that there logo not be added to the flyer or banner.

Agenda #7: Flyer/ Special Invites – Chair Aguilar commented that a special event and has already been sent out to the Mayor and City Council and City Manager.

The next meetings are scheduled for March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Senior Center

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.



Sherry Ann Aguilar, Committee Chair



Elio Lemus, Committee Secretary