

Original Townsite Stakeholders Committee Meeting Minutes – 4/9/2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on April 9th, 2025, at 5:14 PM. At the Surprise Senior Center located at 1583 N. Hollyhock Street, Surprise, AZ. 85378.

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

Others in attendance: Council Member, Johnny Melton, William Oster, Gustavo, Seth Dyson, SGT Galaz, Chris M, Lord Garcillano, Deb Perry, & Gina Busby.

Agenda #1 – MEETING MINUTES: Treasurer, Priscilla Duenaz made the motion approving the meeting minutes from April 2, 2025. Tim Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 – FOUNDER’S DAY DEBRIEF: SGT. Galaz gave an update mentioning that there were no incidents at the Founder’s Day event. Deb Perry mentioned a suggestion that having communication with the car club where they need to be staged days before the event. Jennifer Aguilar suggested that we have more lighting behind the vendors. Sherry Aguilar suggested that we have a hard street closure at Nash Rd and Paradise Rd. Sherry Aguilar mentioned that we ask for more tables for attendees at the next event. We ordered 10 round tables this year, Deb Perry mentioned they will double it next year. SGT. Galaz suggested that for the parade stop at Sherry’s house and have the announcer make an announcement which will break the cars up preventing the bottle neck issue. Priscilla Duenaz requested that the teens be part of the committee as a subcommittee. Cristina Ramirez was seeking approval for giving the gifts to the DCC and the committee approval.

Agenda #3 Priscilla shared a spreadsheet showing the revenue and expenses of the Founder’s Day event.

Agenda #4 – Committee Reports were reviewed for each category stated under item #2.

Agenda #5: The 2026 Founder’s Day event is proposed for March 28, 2025, as Easter falls on the following weekend. Sylvia Rivera made the motion and Cristina Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda #6: The next committee meeting will be September 17th, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.



Sherry Simmons Aguilar

Committee Chair



Elio Lemus

Committee Secretary