

## **SURPRISE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE STAKEHOLDER'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order: Sherry Aguilar called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Surprise Senior Center located at 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, Surprise, AZ. 85378 on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

In attendance with Sherry Aguilar were Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz, Rachel Villanueva, Sylvia Rivera, Jennifer Aguilar, Nancy Sagasta, Rose Cardiel, Ismael Gonzalez, Elodia Fernandez (City Staff), Lord Garcillano, Larry Garcia, Gina Busby, Julie Akerly, Paul Frie, Annie Ansell (Executive Director, Dysart Community Center).

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

\$6,000. Allocation from the City of Surprise for the upcoming event. Sherry Aguilar gave a brief summary of the allocation of funds that is being issued from the City of Surprise towards the Founder's Day Event to take place April 13, 2024. Lord Garcillano distributed a list of costs for necessary items for the event such as generators, stage, tables/chairs, etc.,

Sherry Aguilar asked for discussion on the group of residents forming a committee explaining that a formal committee will give them more opportunities to fundraise for this event and future events to take place in the original townsite and would also be necessary to file paperwork to form a 501C3.

General consensus of the attending members were to form a committee with 11 members which will include: Sherry Aguilar, Rachel Villanueva, Sylvia Rivera, Jennifer Aguilar, Nancy Sagasta, Christina Ramirez, Ismael Gonzalez, Elodia Fernandez, Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz and one vacancy.

General consensus of the assigned members was to select the following appointments:

**Committee Chair – Sherry Aguilar**

**Vice-Chair - Rachel Villanueva**

**Secretary – Elio Lemus**

### **Naming the Committee:**

Discussion took place regarding options for naming the committee. General consensus of attending members was to select:

### **Surprise OTS Stakeholder's Committee**

Chair Aguilar mentioned that OTS resident, Anthony Aguilar could design a logo for the committee unless there were any other suggestions. General consensus was to reach out to Anthony to come up with some sample designs for committee approval.

### **Formerly Naming the Event:**

Committee Members with general consensus agreed to name the event **"OTS Founder's Day Event"**.

### **EVENT TASKS ASSIGNED:**

General discussion took place regarding assigning task leaders and volunteers for the event. Chair Aguilar distributed a sign-up sheet for the following tasks:

Longest Tenured Residents/History - Sherry Aguilar & Rachel Villanueva

Founder's Day Queen – Christina Ramirez

Design & Sale of T-Shirts – Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz

Activities/Games – (L) Priscilla Duenaz, Ismael Gonzalez, Elodia Fernandez

Food Vendor's – (L) Sylvia Rivera, Jennifer Aguilar, Rosa Cardiel, Nancy Sagasta

Fund Raising/Donations/Social Media – (L) Elio Lemus, Priscilla Duenaz, Sherry Aguilar

**\*\*Each committee leader will be responsible for finding volunteers for their assigned tasks\*\***

Annie Ansell commented that APS may be able to assist with balloons, face painting activities for the kids and she will send resources to Sherry Aguilar for filing for a 501C3. She further commented that the Dysart Community Center will provide popcorn and snow cones for the Founder's Day Celebration.

General discussion took place on including local organizations to participate and event advertisement. More discussion will follow.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. at Bi-Centennial Park at the ramadas for a site visit.

**Adjournment:** Committee Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Jennifer Aguilar and seconded by Sylvia Rivera to adjourn at the OTS Stakeholder's Committee Meeting at 6:21 p.m. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Sherry Aguilar, Committee Chair

Elio Lemus, Committee Secretary



Signature & Date



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