

**MINTUES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE**

A Special Meeting of the Community Services Commission of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, October 25th, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Chairperson: Peter Curé
Vice Chairperson: Ben Kramer
Commissioners: Carol Engert
Trish Gomez
Lynda Zanolli
(Vacant)

Absent: Krysta Dehnert

Town Council:

Mayor Doug Von Gausig

Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert

Councilmember Scott Buckley

Councilmember Bill Regner

Councilmember Curtiss Bohall

Town Staff:

Community Services Administrative Assistant II Joni Westcott

Community Services Supervisor Dawn Norman

Community Services/Human Resources Director Janet Perry

Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Town Clerk/Finance Director Kathy Bainbridge

Community Development/Economic Director Jodie Filardo

Utilities/Public Works Director Wayne Debrosky

Police Chief Randy Taylor

Deputy Town Clerk Mary Ellen Dunn

AGENDA ITEM: CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Peter Curé called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

With no objection Chairperson Curé motioned to begin with agenda item 3. A JOINT WORKSESSION WITH TOWN COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PRIORITIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

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Community Services/Human Resources Director Janet Perry introduced the commissioners to Council and audience: Peter Cure, Lynda Zanolli, Trish Gomez, Ben Kramer and Carol Engert.

Commissioners gave a PowerPoint presentation which reviewed the Vision and Mission of the Commission, and prioritized the goals set forth based on staff time and dollars spent.

Discussion followed among council and commissioners.

Town Manager Mabery noted that the Library takes approximately 40% of the resources (staff and funds) of the department with little return. She stated that some of the items on the priority list would not be guided by the Commission but rather by the Council and would most likely, by necessity, stay on the list of Community Services duties.

Vice Mayor Dehnert stated he would like to see the library have another year to try to operate, commenting that the library has the ability to be a resource and information center and provide a variety of valuable services. Based on figures he gathered from Yavapai County, he stated that library circulation had increased from FY 13-14 to FY 15-16 forty-four percent. Mabery stated that the video rental service makes up 61% of that circulation figure.

Discussion followed about other libraries in close proximity, over taxing of staff and resources, and loss of County dollars if library closed. Town Manager Mabery noted that if county revenue is lost it would only take away costs that could have been directed to library operations but does not affect the salaries as they are already budgeted. The staff would remain to be directed to other functions.

Mayor Von Gausig opened the discussion to public comment.

Ida deBlanc, Clarkdale resident – listed events that “brand” Clarkdale, i.e., Concerts in the Park, Halloween, and Fourth of July. Spoke about the distance to other libraries in the area and asked “What else could be offered in the library space?” Also spoke about the importance of the volunteer recruitment that Community Services does.

Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer, Clarkdale resident – spoke about the volunteer and staff resources and how to promote the activities on the list. Need more partnerships and cooperation to accomplish this. Need more coordination and streamlining of specific duties with Downtown Business Alliance and individual departments. Stated that shared or rented meeting space would be a good use of library space.

Mayor Von Gausig closed public comment.

Town Manager Mabery stated that the library discussion has been going on for about two years and there needs to be some conclusion. If there is to be more discussion it should happen soon. The Commission has not yet asked “if not the library, what?” If a budget and an answer to this question is an appropriate next step, the Council should advise. Council directed that the commission look into this.

Vice Mayor Dehnert stated that if the majority of the council differs with his opinion, he accepts that. He stated he will be happy to offer whatever help is requested.

AGENDA ITEM: SMOKING IN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES – A discussion on smoking in Town parks, trails and recreation areas and associated improvements and areas owned, leased or otherwise acquired by or under the operation and supervision of Town of Clarkdale, Arizona (“Parks and Recreation Facilities”).

This was a brief discussion only and no action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Peter Curé, Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:



Administrative Assistant II, Joni Westcott