



**PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 8, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**Historic 1891 Courthouse, Pinal County Complex**

**135 N. Pinal Avenue**

**Florence, AZ**

DRAFT MINUTES

**1. Call to Order -**

Sandie Smith, Chair joined the meeting by speaker phone. Vice Chair Donna McBride conducted the meeting and called it to order at 10:04 AM.

**2. Introductions -**

Members Present:

Donna McBride

Greg Stanley

Richard Dinges

Bruce Armitage

Jean Slater

Sandie Smith by telephone

Guests:

Douglas Hamilton

Staff:

Maxine Brown

**3. Discussion, Approval, Disapproval of Connie Lane for Membership on the Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee representing Superstition Foothills (northern Pinal County) - After discussion and praise for Connie's help with the last Town Hall event, Greg made a motion to approve Connie Lane for Committee membership. The motion was seconded by Richard and passed unanimously. Maxine will notify Connie of this action.**

**4. Approval of November 13, 2017 Minutes**

Motion was made by Greg to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Bruce and the motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of December 11, 2017 Minutes

Motion was made by Bruce to approve the minutes on December 11, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Greg and was passed unanimously.

**5. Review Financials:**

November 30, 2017 General Fund Balance \$4,404.28 – Maxine Brown

November 30, 2017 Scholarship Fund Balance \$3,673.50

Pinal County Town Hall Fund - \$8,077.78 November 30, 2017 Balance

December 31, 2017 – General Fund Balance \$2,305.14 - Maxine Brown, Director

December 31, 2017 – Scholarship Fund Balance \$3673.50 (No change in November 2017)

Pinal County Town Hall Fund – \$5,978.64 December 31, 2017

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Maxine reviewed the financials for months ending November 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017 and answered questions by the Committee.

Motion Bruce to accept the financials for November and December as presented for filing. The motion was seconded by Richard and carried unanimously.

**6. Director's Report and Update –**

Maxine reported she had had the flu and had not sent out the 2017 PCTH Report and would plan on sending it out by the weekend.

Consideration of contract renewal –

Vice Chair McBride tabled this issue until additional members were present.

**7. Topic and Ideas for 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pinal County Town Hall – Donna McBride, Vice Chair**

- a) Have one-day event – Possible month/dates: – Thursday dates in October: 4, 11, 18, 25  
Friday Dates in October: 5, 12, 19, 26 – Possible Workshop Format  
Possible Conflicting Events: County Supervisors Meeting, Rural Transportation Summit; High School or CAC Fall Breaks

Committee determined a one-day Town Hall would be held for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual event in 2018. Dates for the event were discussed. The committee decided their first choice was Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and second choice was Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. (Greg later emailed that the Rural Transportation Summit will be held from October 24 through 26<sup>th</sup>.) Donna will check on school breaks in October and Greg will monitor when the CSA (County Supervisor Association) Legislative Summit will be held.

- b) Possible locations: Robson Ranch, Eloy; local hotel (Holiday Inn, Casa Grande; Francisco Grande; Gold Canyon Resort)

Committee's first choice for location for the event is Robson Ranch, Eloy.

- c) Suggested Topics from Committee – Civic Engagement/Civil Discourse  
Suggested Topics from Evaluation Forms – Employee/Citizen Engagement; Tourism with Environmental Stewardship; K to Careers; Innovation: What is it Really!; Where is the Water in Pinal County – and its Future; Healthy Communities (outdoor tourism, lwg preventing) etc.; Recreation/tourism in Pinal County – What draws people to Pinal County; Water -CAP – Ground H2O Pinal's Future; Education – K to Career Pathways

After much discussion and consideration, the Committee agreed to recommend Civil Engagement and/or K to Career. Committee members, as homework, are asked to consider these topics and forward discussion points to Maxine by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Maxine will compile the comments for Committee review at the February meeting. Suggested speaker ideas may also be forwarded for review.

Discussion ideas from this meeting included: combining the 2 topics for one Town Hall; who our audience would be; student participation in either topic would be good; who would speakers be; need for a catchy title; either topic will be of interest to students, parents and educators. If Civil Engagement is the topic, one portion of Town Hall could be on how to handle an angry, out of control discussion.

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- d) Possible speakers (Committee) – Civil Engagement could include TJ Shope and what made him decide to be an elected official and at what age – How do we work on developing the next generation of leaders - we seem to lose the ability for civil discourse and the loudest wins the argument – could have youth panel discussing what they see as leadership (from November 13, 2017 minutes) – All

Speakers will be discussed at the February meeting.

- e) Fund Raising Ideas –

Donna suggested selling 50/50 tickets in the weeks leading up to Town Hall as well as at Town Hall. Sandie stated we could have additional raffle prizes and those tickets could also be sold prior to Town Hall and both drawings could be held during Town Hall with the winner not needing to be present. Sandie cautioned that the Committee needed enough to get through the summer paying the Executive Director's contract so that when Town Hall is held the Committee is at a break-even point. Maxine will provide an estimate of funds needed to accomplish this goal.

Maxine will also provide a listing of sponsors for each year. She explained the sponsorships change each year due to the topic of Town Hall.

- 8. Comparison of Revenues and Expenses from 2013 – 2-day Town Hall, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017  
This agenda item will be reviewed at the February meeting.

- 9. Need for Advisory Committee Members – San Tan, San Manuel/Mammoth/Oracle, Coolidge, Maricopa -  
Donna has talked to Coolidge regarding a representative; Sandie and Greg will discuss representation from San Tan Valley with Supervisor Goodman.

- 10. Next Meeting February 12, 2018 –  
Vice Chair McBride reminded members the next meeting will be Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. She noted that a meeting calendar had been included in the packet for convenience.

- 11. Other Business -  
Greg reviewed an excellent outcome from the last Town Hall. Maricopa's students' driver/advisor to Town Hall was an armed services Lt. Colonel who was so impressed with the Town Hall event and those in attendance that he has invited some of those he met to attend Maricopa youth meetings as speakers. So much good comes out of Town Hall that Committee members often don't hear about. Committee will carry this story forward and can be an article in the Town Hall Paper next year and possibly have the Youth Advisor at next year's Town Hall to speak on what the event meant to him and his students.

Donna also told of a conversation of what the \$1,000 scholarship meant to the recipient.

- 12. Adjourn-  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.