

anthem community council

Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 26, 2022, 6:30pm - Open Session
Anthem Civic Building, Community Room

MINUTES

Members Present:

Darrin Francom, Chair
Carolynn Hiron, Vice Chair
Chilesa Ready, Secretary
Doug Sutherland, Treasurer
Bob McKenzie, Director
Gina Richard, Director

Members Absent:

Barb Patterson, Director

Others Present:

Aaron Baker, Executive Director
Paul Conley, Sr. Director of Finance
Mike Krask, Director of Parks and Facilities
Scott Newell, Aquatics & Programs Director
John Safin, Communications Director
Jonathan Ebertshauser, Legal Counsel
Gay Johnson, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Francom called the meeting to order at 6:29pm and recognized those in attendance.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chairman Francom established a quorum with six Board members present.

CONSENT AGENDA/APPROVAL

Chair Francom made a motion to adopt the agenda and approve the September 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Director McKenzie accepted the motion and Director Ready seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Sunset Cyclery Presentation

Chair Francom introduced Cary Westmark, Owner of Sunset Cyclery, for his presentation and donation of a bicycle repair stand. Mr. Westmark gave suggestions as to where the industrial-strength stands could be installed near the SK8 & Ride Park. Chair Francom expressed his appreciation for the generous donation and directed the Executive Director and Staff to work on installation.

B. Southwest Gas Presentation

Chair Francom introduced Mr. Blaise Caudill, Senior Analyst with Southwest Gas, at 7:39pm. Mr. Caudill explained their operations in Arizona, proven modern infrastructure, investment in our community, and how the affordable energy will fuel into the future. Chair Francom expressed his appreciation for the educating presentation, and the work that Southwest Gas does in our community.

STAFF REPORTS/FINANCIALS

A. Executive

Executive Director Aaron Baker supplied information regarding Public Safety matters, SK8 & Ride Park new non-resident check-in process on November 1, Veterans Day activities, and special hours of operation for the Civic Building and Community Center during Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Holiday, and Winter Break.

B. Programs

Director of Programs & Aquatics Scott Newell gave special recognition to Coach Jim Riga for his recent completion of the Ironman World Championship, continuing with the Aquatics report of activities including Dolphins practice to year end, Paddleboard Yoga class and no winter closure of the lap pool for January; in Sports & Fitness activities include Anthem Tots, youth volleyball and soccer, fitness class scheduling and upcoming Pickleball Tournament; in Parks/Fields and Security of new non-resident check-in procedure for SK8 & Ride Park; in Youth/Family Programs had successful Anthem Sidewalk Chalk Art Day, upcoming CABS babysitting certification, and Monster Ball on October 28.

C. Parks and Facilities

Director of Parks & Facilities Mike Krask supplied the Facilities report of replacement HVAC units for Daisy Mountain Veterans room in the Civic Building, security gate installation at Parks and Facilities, culvert clean out, Community Center parking lot lights LED conversion, and Water Park slides painting; in Landscaping of Phase 2 Arborist cutback delayed due to storm clean-up, overseed turf access restrictions lifted, and Poly to PVC conversion on hold; in Parks of successful AVM video shoot for Veterans Day, repainting of basketball courts, Daisy Mountain Railroad trestle and footbridge repainted, installation of concrete flatwork, and Softball #1 awning painting.

D. Financials

Sr. Director of Finance Paul Conley spoke on status of accounts and informed of the upcoming Asset Sale in November with more details on the website. Full disclosure financial statements are posted at *OnlineAtAnthem.com* as part of the documents for the open meeting.

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E. Communications

Director John Safin provided information on Special Events, thanking sponsors for the recent *Go Green* event, Autumnfest received positive comments, reminder for Veterans Day Ceremony, and upcoming Martin Luther King Day Celebration on January 16. Family Safety Preparedness Night coming up on November 2 from 6-8pm, Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade on November 5, and Friends of Daisy Mountain Trails Town Hall Meeting.

Director McKenzie motioned to accept the Staff Reports and Financials as presented. Secretary Ready seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. New Event Policy

Chair Francom introduced Executive Director Baker who provided an explanation of the policy and the definition of the difference in Anthem Hosted and Anthem Sponsored Events, general guidelines, and application process.

Director McKenzie made a motion to accept the New Event Policy as presented. Treasurer Sutherland seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.

B. 2023 Budget

a. Presentation of the Budget

Sr. Director of Finance Paul Conley supplied a summary of the proposed budget that was previously reviewed at Board open work session on September 7 and the open Board Meeting on September 28, then also by the Financial Committee on August 30, September 27, October 11 and 25. The proposed budget reflects the Board's strategic priorities for continuation of high-quality services and facilities, continuation of involvement with community partners, advocacy on public safety along with other issues impacting the community and strengthening and stabilizing staffing positions for future success. He recommends the Resolution be approved for the 2023 Budget as presented.

b. Report from Finance Committee

Committee Chair Sutherland and the committee reviewed the budget from the perspective of the Board taking care of things today as well as the future, working with staff extensively to address necessary needs. For the proposed deficit budget in 2023, looking for available dollars to cover, and total assessments and revenues to cover increasing expenditures with the \$2 increase, would recommend a \$3 a month increase, which would reduce the deficit.

Treasurer Sutherland made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-01 and ask for an amendment to increase the assessment to \$3 per month. Voting took place; the motion failed due to lack of majority.

c. Consideration of Budget Resolution

Director McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-01 as presented. Secretary Ready seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Super Star Car Wash

Chair Francom introduced Executive Director Baker to review the project. Once design review of the project is approved by the ACC, this project will be submitted to the City of Phoenix for conditional use and building permits. The project has been reviewed by staff as compliant with ACC *Non-Residential Architectural Design Guidelines*. He introduced Ms. Madison Leake, legal counsel from Burch & Cracchiolo, who presented the conceptual design presentation, and explained the project.

A Resident voiced his concern over the impact of traffic in the area and the noise level of the dryers. Tim Varley, Director of Development for the car wash, stated that noise is vetted through the City of Phoenix sound and traffic studies, has also taken into consideration a comparison with use of other similar facilities, and the use is less.

Director McKenzie made a motion to approve the design review of Super Star Car Wash as presented. Treasurer Sutherland seconded. Voting took place; the motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Resident Deborah McDermott voiced her concerns regarding park security for residents, homeless at the park and policy/procedure for park-related staff that the Board consider for the benefit and good of the residents. Chair Francom encouraged residents to call MCSO as they have the authority to arrest and trespass. Mr. Baker supplied that Park Patrol has individuals removed who attempt to sleep on ACC property, with the ability to

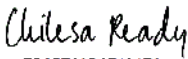
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trespass permanently with MCSO. Approximately twenty residents also voiced their concerns regarding drug use, graffiti in the washes and underpasses, and homelessness in Anthem. Chair Francom supplied that the ACC is doing everything within our authority, requesting the community's assistance in reporting incidents to appropriate agencies. Since we are not a municipality, we depend on agencies to assist with public property, county property and City of Phoenix property. If it is on private property, the owners have the capability to enforce. MCSO Captain Brandimarte commented that MCSO has an excellent relationship with the ACC, with a trespass letter recorded. He asks for assistance from the community to report incidents when seen, as they have created an online database of trespassed individuals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chilesa Ready, Secretary
On Behalf of the Anthem Community Council Board of Directors