



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2021
WHERE: VIA ZOOM *
TIME: 1:30 P.M.

Members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee participated by technological or methods pursuant to §A.R.S. 38-431(4).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairperson - Leslie Hine
- Vice Chairperson - Philip Henn
- Sheila Amoroso
- Kim Taha
- Anton Wilke

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Peter Burns
- Scott Peterson
- Jerry Wetta

Chairperson Hine opened the meeting at 1:33 pm.

AGENDA ITEM #1 Approval of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated November 17, 2021

Vice Chairperson Henn **MOVED TO APPROVE** the minutes of the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting dated November 17, 2021. **SECONDED** by Committee Member Taha, **CARRIED** unanimously.

Committee Member Wilke summarized for the Committee the discussions and decisions made at the November 22, 2021, Town of Cave Creek, Special Town Council meeting, regarding funding options for the fire service with Daisy Mountain.

Town Administrator Neiss referred to a recent article in the Sonoran News which outlined the Town of Cave Creeks decision, recognizing that there are parallels in the

conversations between Carefree and Cave Creek. Both communities have water infrastructure bonding and a sales tax-based revenue model. Each town is managed conservatively to avoid top-heavy budgets. Further, when the Town of Carefree inherits additional costs, it looks at the business of those costs to ensure that we have a balanced budget.

Chairperson Hine explained that as a Citizen Advisory Group, they have been conscientious and done their best to learn from the processes occurring simultaneously between Carefree and Cave Creek.

Written correspondence was received from Mr. John Mattis and forwarded to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Town Administrator Neiss provided clarification to Mr. Mattis's correspondence.

AGENDA ITEM #2 Continue and complete review of Committee report

Town Administrator Neiss presented via PowerPoint, the DRAFT Public Safety Advisory Committee Recommendation Report. The Committee collaborated, providing additions and revisions thereto, working toward a final DRAFT for review at the December 15, 2021, Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting. This will then be presented to Town Council in January.

AGENDA ITEM #3 Review and discuss Town Council presentation outline (to be cont'd and finalized Dec 15th)

Chairperson Hine presented via projection, a DRAFT presentation outline for the group to confirm who will present each recommendation item to Town Council. The Committee provided input and suggestions to establish the format of the presentation.

Town Administrator Neiss clarified for the Committee, that at the January Joint Meeting with Town Council and the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the subject recommendation will first be taken *under advisement*. This recommendation then gives Town Council a series of options to begin the public process for future discussions between the residents of Carefree and Town Council.

Mr. Neiss recognized that this originated as a grass roots process. Where at the onset, Committee members were not familiar with the complexities of Public Safety. Cultivating the necessary knowledge, throughout the process, to enable them to provide knowledgeable recommendations to Town Council and working toward the best possible program for Carefree.

AGENDA ITEM #4 Continue and complete discussion re: new Master Contract input/suggestions

Chairperson Hine displayed for the Committee, a list of input and suggestions brought forth in past collaborations of the Committee that were not going to be included in the recommendation to Town Council. Ms. Hine expressed the importance of keeping this information for future communications and contract negotiations.

AGENDA ITEM #5 Confirm Committee work/role after Jan 11th Town Council meeting.

The Committee agreed that after the January 11, 2022, meeting with Town Council, a follow up, in person, meeting of the group would be purposeful. As all meetings have been held via ZOOM, it would be nice to meet in person to celebrate the collaboration and hard work put forth to cultivate a solution.

AGENDA ITEM #6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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