

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL**

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

WHERE: ZOOM WEB <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3229729660>
MEETING ID: 322 972 9660

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Town Council Attending:

Mayor Les Peterson
Vice Mayor John Crane
Vince D'Aliesio (*left at 6:30*)
Tony Geiger
Stephen Hatcher
Michael Krahe
Cheryl Kroyer

Town Council Absent:

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Stephen Prokopek, Economic Development Director; Stacey Bridge-Denzak, Planning and Zoning Director; Alex Orozco, Communications Coordinator; Kandace French, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Michael Krahe led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM #1 Approval of the February 2, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

ITEM #2 Approval of the March 2, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

ITEM #3 Acceptance into the public record of the March, 2021 paid bills.

ITEM #4 Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for February, 2021.

ITEM #5 Approval of the a Series 013 Farm Winery liquor license application from Uwe Boer and Celestial Artisan Meads located at 100 Easy Street, Suite #100, Carefree, AZ 85377.

Mayor Peterson announced the Consent Agenda and asked the Council if there were any changes or questions.

Uwe Boer and Heather appeared regarding Agenda item #5 and introduced themselves and provided additional information regarding mead.

There were no other questions or comments by the Council and Mayor Peterson asked for a motion.

Vice Mayor Crane **moved** to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #5. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion **carried** unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ITEM #6 **Call to the Public**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked the Town Clerk if she received public comment.

Town Clerk Kandace French Contreras explained to the Mayor and Council that she had received a public comment for the UCFD/Carefree Water Company meeting prior to the current Council meeting but there wasn't a "Call to the Public" at the UCFD/Carefree Water Company meeting so it hadn't been read into the record. She asked if she could read it at this meeting.

Ms. French Contreras read a public comment submitted by John Mattes regarding the Carefree Water Customer acquisition. It consisted of two questions regarding water quality and fire hydrants. He also asked why there wasn't more information on the bond issue.

Council Member Geiger commented that he was not responding to the public comment directly but wanted the Mayor to know that he asked the Town Clerk to forward his contact information to Mr. Mattes for additional conversation. They will have additional conversations at a later date.

Ms. French Contreras then read into the record a letter submitted by Gary Zalimeni. He expressed his disappointment in the speed radar machines and speed regulations on Stagecoach Pass Road in Scottsdale.

Without responding directly, the Mayor commented that Mr. Zalimeni's comment against the radar machines and his comment regarding the approval of speeding 10 miles over the speed limit was acceptable and the norm. He commented that most of the comments he received were complaints about speeding on Stagecoach pass. The Mayor stated Mr. Zalimeni's letter would be taken under advisement.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #7 **Current Events.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and announced his deep regrets in accepting the resignation of Council Member Michael Krahe due to his out-of-state location.

Council Member Krahe stated he would wait until the end of the meeting to express his farewell.

Mayor Peterson then announced an active Bike Week in Cave Creek in the past and current week and he received indications of gang nature as a result and discussed it with MCSO. They are alerted to it and they will keep an eye out.

He then stated that communication was also in the forefront and that, starting tomorrow, it was anticipated to begin communicating on certain projects for the water integration and condemnation project and would be publishing a list of topics and start addressing them. He stated that previous actions prevented communication regarding the Water Integration Project but that water supply, water rates, construction, timetable, etc. would be coming up soon.

Mayor Peterson then announced that in conjunction with Council Member Krahe's resignation, there would be a request for applications announced in the future for the vacant seat left by Councilman Krahe.

Council Member Kroyer provided an update to the Ambassador Program to remind the public that there will be volunteers going around the Gardens and Town Center and sitting in the new Visitor's Center located in the prior Green Room location. It is expected that the program will be running by the end of April. They will wear identification vests and help people navigate the town and direct them to businesses and restaurants to make the Town a friendlier and welcome environment.

Mayor Peterson announced the organization of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and their upcoming introductory meeting. He explained that eight outstanding residents had volunteered to review fire coverage, ambulance service and police services. The committee will look at what is available, what does it cost and how it can come together.

Town Administrator Gary Neiss stated the first meeting of the Public Safety Advisory Committee will be April 7th at 12:30 by Zoom. The call-in number is published on the Town's website and on the posted agenda.

There were no additional announcements.

ITEM #8 **Review, discussion and possible action to Approve Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the acquisition by the Town of Carefree of the parcel of land required for the construction of the Underground Water Storage Reservoir in The Boulders.**

Next Mayor Peterson announced Agenda Item #8 and explained it was a cooperative effort between the UCFD and the Town of Carefree. He then read Resolution 2021-06 verbatim and asked for a motion from the Council.

Council Member Krahe **moved** to approve Resolution 2021-06. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion **carried** unanimously.

ITEM #9 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2021-04 appointing Tara E. Parascandola the Presiding Magistrate to the Carefree – Cave Creek Consolidated Municipal Court under the terms as set forth in the Resolution.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and explained the recruitment process for a new judge. He explained that Judge Olohan was moving to the Mesa City Court. After extensive interviews, Tara Parascandola was an outstanding candidate that would fit well with the culture of our court.

Town Administrator, Gary Neiss, explained that the contract was for a period of four (4) years and was the same contract held by Judge Olohan for 5 or 6 years. He expressed that Judge Olohan would be missed and that she had been a calming force at the court and had served the town well during her tenure. She was thanked for her dedicated time. He believed that Tara would be a smooth transition. He explained that Judge Parascandola has sat on all sides of the bench with a history as a public defender, a prosecutor and a pro tem judge for the City of Mesa and the Town of Carefree – Cave Creek Consolidated Court.

Judge Parascandola spoke and thanked everyone for the opportunity. She is honored to be selected and eager and committed to providing great service-as well as best practices and justice to all.

Council Member Kroyer **moved** to appoint Tara E. Parascandola. There was a **second** by Vice Mayor Crane. The motion **carried** unanimously.

ITEM #10 Presentation and Staff update regarding the implementation of the Village Center Master Plan and discussion for creating a redevelopment area per Arizona Revised Statute Chapter 12 Article 1 to aid in Town Center Revitalization.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced the Economic Development Director, Steve Prokopek.

Mr. Prokopek spoke of the main focus when he was hired was to create economic development. To that end, he had also developed and appointed individuals to the Economic Development Technical Advisory Panel (“EDTAP”) which have met several times. That group has made revitalization of the Town Center a priority. There was discussion about the best way to move forward to aid in Town Center Revitalization.

Mr. Prokopek reminded the Council that in May 2015, the Town adopted The Town of Carefree Village Center Master Plan which had been conducted by Michael Baker International. This included an extensive process of stakeholder engagement, and provided a detailed document outlining the existing conditions and recommendations to revitalize the Town Center. He stated the recommendations were summarized into an implementation schedule so he took a deep dive into the schedule to assess what, if any steps had been completed and what the status was for the recommended steps. He said it was a well done study and allowed them to also look at what needs to be done in a more strategic way. The purpose of this update is to review the implementation

progress of the plan, and provide further recommendations on further improving the Town's ability to further implement the established recommendations.

He went over the definitions of revitalization, in-fill and redevelopment. He presented the implementation schedule in a Power Point and explained the color codes with those steps with Green being major tasks that were completed. The red areas of the chart were for those project that had not been addressed, and yellow for those projects still in process. He highlighted Los Portales and Town Hall as examples of possible redevelopment.

He explained that some of the recommendations, such as the arches, had been achieved, but other things that should have been done in conjunction with the arches have not yet been done such as pedestrian access and additional sidewalks. He then highlighted some of the things that had not been done. He also mentioned the importance of the crosswalk study. He continued to walk through the Village Center Master Plan Update Implementation Matrix and discussed the status based on the color coding. He stated that it had been concluded that several of the action items are difficult to achieve without the creation of a formal redevelopment area. A redevelopment area is a revitalization mechanism provided by Arizona Revised Statute, Title 36 Article 12. Redevelopment areas allow communities to:

1. Establish a marketable plan for revitalization.
2. Allow jurisdictions greater flexibility to acquire and dispose of property.
3. Enhance the level of financial tools available to implement the revitalization plan.
4. Allow for public/private partnerships.
5. Encourage greater development diversity, and efficient and sustainable land uses.

He then highlighted the process:

1. Town Council establishes the need and boundaries for a redevelopment area. Need is determined by meeting one of the 9 requirements in ARS 36-1471. Carefree Town Center meets 6 of the 9 requirements including defective street layout, unsafe conditions, deterioration of site or other improvements, diversity of ownership, obsolete platting, and existence of conditions that endanger life or property by fire or other causes.
2. Town adopts a redevelopment plan.
3. The Town may choose to create a separate redevelopment commission.

He brought attention to the purple color in his presentation slide and stated that fostering the growth of businesses has been an ongoing effort and property-owner input is required and key component. Prior to establishment of the redevelopment boundaries, 30-day notice is required to each property owner in the area boundaries, as well as prior to the adoption of the redevelopment plan. He felt that the Town had done a good job of reaching out to businesses but we can always do better. He stated with Alex Orozco on board he was confident a better communication plan was being put together. He also highlighted the Town of Gilbert as being the poster child for redevelopment. He said that he recommended the Town initiate the process of creating a redevelopment area, using the current Village Center Master Plan as the backbone to the redevelopment plan and he went over the recommended process. He highlighted that it was a key importance to promote the Village Center as a great neighborhood. Using the term "neighborhood" was important. Mr. Prokopek went over the goals based on the Baker Study and what could be considered long term and short-term goals as well as the phases of implementation. He then addressed and elaborated on the five strategies and the status and recommendation as well as the key players and priorities. That included Strategy 1 –

Improve the Village Center's Visibility and Access; Strategy 2 – Foster development of a strong retail residential, entertainment, and service core in the Village Center; Strategy 3 – Enhance the Village Center Experience; Strategy 4 – Market and Promote the Village Center, and Strategy 5 – Develop a Strong Organizational Structure. He stated as they moved forward, he did not recommend a separate redevelopment commission, and can utilize the EDTAP and Planning Commission to review individual redevelopment projects, programs and initiatives.

Almost every community in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area uses redevelopment areas. Some are area wide, and some are dedicated to commercial revitalization. Cities like Phoenix, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Chandler, Peoria and Mesa have effectively used redevelopment areas to revitalize downtown and spur commercial development.

He went over the risk and suggested there were none. The designation does not have a negative impact on the community or properties, and generally enhances the viability of infill sites, public properties and increases investment in privately-owned buildings. But the gain is significant in that a cohesive plan will include greater tools to incentivize development, enhanced access and safety, more efficient use of land, and sustainable future revenue to help pay for public services. He was very excited about the work being done by Rick Engineering for pedestrian crosswalks and movement. He referenced an optical visioning process and homing in on what a good neighborhood looks like in hopes to bring it into focus within the next month or so. The crosswalk study did not just look at crosswalks but looked at Tom Darlington, Cave Creek Road and the totality in how to deal with safety. This allows them to look at moving vehicles in and out of the town in relation to pedestrian safety.

He then stated that another important tool was the purchasing of available property. He said most municipalities have redevelopment areas. - The one tool that generally creates the majority of discussion is the use of eminent domain. Redevelopment statutes do allow the Town to exercise the use of eminent domain to acquire properties for purposes of eliminating nuisances or blight, and further implement the redevelopment plan. Jurisdictions have used this in different ways, and as part of any potential further resolution can further be defined by policy. He referenced best project versus best price and the limitations of Towns. He also stated that changing land uses was something that they want to look at with the General Plan Update but it has to be looked at overall to find the right balance.

Planning and Zoning Director, Stacey Bridge – Denzak weighed in with her thoughts and concurred with Steve regarding balance.

He said that the Town struggled with finding its identity. It is clear that the Town of Carefree is different, but no one can name what makes it different. He highlighted the art of Carefree and art in the Garden, but referenced the need to set the stage further through art in the traffic circles or outside the Garden. He referenced further activation of the Garden and making more commercial use or monetary use of the Garden. Improving the sight lines through the Village Center has also been implemented. He also referenced the need to brand the Town Center and create a logo and the need for the EDTAP to look at these needs and the imagery needed. However, the Gardens should not be the end all to be all and other markets need to be tapped within the Town. The Visitor's Center in the Center of Town will bring a welcome and attract people. Secondary is the Ambassadors Program and adding it to the Center of the Town for information is a very natural fit. Ultimately the Town has to take ownership with Economic Development. It is not just promotion but product development; it is a positioning strategy, and a value proposition. All four things need to be continually worked on.

Mr. Prokopek concluded by stating that he believed this was the first of many updates and that it was necessary to address all these things as the Town moved forward. He then gave his observations and next steps for revitalization. He felt that the heavy lifting had been done over the last five years but it was necessary to now address the remaining steps and missing areas. It is a matter of the community being involved in revitalization. It is important moving forward to address the concept of a redevelopment area for the Town. Start looking at establishing a redevelopment area in order to move forward and it is important to look at the requirements for blight. A plan has to be created. He went over meeting the test of blight. He also went over vacant property, obsolete platting and other areas that need a comprehensive review. He reiterated the need for pedestrian safety and then went over the application of a redevelopment area and commercial redevelopment. There are several ways to use the blight concept. He addressed concerns for property values and explained that it does not impact surrounding property but actually increases the value. Value of property is reduced when there is property in neglect. A redevelopment area addresses that concern in a comprehensive and productive manner. It also supports the concept of housing diversity. This is one of the things EDTAP hit on as it is a strong supporter of economic growth and allows for people to remain in Carefree as their residential needs change. He went over the best use of eminent domain and how to best apply it to everyone's benefit. It requires further discussion.

He then addressed the idea of Public and Private Partnership. He highlighted state law and the ability or inability for a city to provide funding for projects. It is a matter that must be carefully applied but there is much more flexibility within a redevelopment area. He gave some examples of those financing options such as matching funds as well as joint ventureship with developers and community development block grant funds or "CDBG Funds" and he outlined how they are used.

He then went over the steps. The first is a ULI study and he stated that had already been done. The next step is a process for creating a redevelopment plan. Stakeholder engagement has happened and the local property owners do not want to repeat that process. The next step is to look at Town Council Initial Planning and designating an area to be considered for redevelopment and he went over how that process takes place. The formal step is the official notification and designating that area for redevelopment. He then outlined those remaining steps and his recommendation, including a redevelopment commission. Being such a small community, he doesn't believe that the Town needs a redevelopment commission given the EDTAP, Planning and Zoning and the Town Council. He felt that all of this could be done by the end of this year before going into the General Plan update. He went over the list of requirements for a redevelopment process and strategies. He also went over the boundary to include the Town Center, the north side of Cave Creek Road and west side of Tom Darlington, including the right-of-ways and Mariachi Plaza and the Town's Public Works building.

The point of this presentation is for transparency and to allow questions and begin a dialog. He asked if the Council had any questions thus far.

Council Member Hatcher asked for additional information regarding Steve's target areas. Mr. Prokopek responded and referenced opening the door to opportunities and setting up the tools to make that happen. He gave some examples regarding Spanish Village and Carefree Plaza and the vacant property behind it.

The Mayor commented about the next steps and thanked Steve for his comprehensive explanation. Council Member Geiger referenced developments surrounding Carefree and the need to control the destiny of the Town.

There were additional comments and discussion by the Council regarding the necessary tools to get a redevelopment project done and move areas that are stagnant. Mr. Prokopek mentioned that it was not the silver bullet but it provides a tool to move forward.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Prokopek and suggested that each council member sit down with Steve in the next month to get more information on moving forward with the strategies he outlined. There was no action necessary as this was a presentation only to get ideas moving and confirm support for the next steps.

ITEM #11 Review, discussion and possible action to approve Amendment to the existing Contract Comprehensive Sign Plan contract with Kimley-Horn, for \$63,500, to include circulation and parking analysis and recommendations.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and reintroduced Economic Development Director, Steve Prokopek as well as Planning and Zoning Director, Stacey Bridge - Denzak.

Stacey went through the beginning of the process with Kimley-Horn and reminded the Council that on March 3, 2020, Town Council approved a contract for services submitted by Kimley-Horn. The award for this contract centered around the capabilities of Kimley-Horn to create a comprehensive Sign Plan for Town Center, and the delivery of a comprehensive signage package. Due to Steve's insight and new thoughts it was important to use the best ways to bring people in and guide them around Town Center.

Steve Prokopek weighed in and stated that due to COVID-19, the project was placed on hold, and the Town further assessed other issues facing Town Center, which include parking accessibility, and pedestrian and vehicular access.

Steve reiterated that to ensure that the Comprehensive Sign Plan addressed these issues, staff asked Kimley-Horn to further revise the scope of work to include recommendations and conceptual drawings for improved pedestrian access, a complete parking study and improved vehicular access. In addition, the Town is further considering the narrowing of both Tom Darlington Drive and Cave Creek Road to provide a better sense of arrival, slow traffic, and improve pedestrian access and safety. This revised scope also includes recommendations for accomplishing this objective, and will include conceptual drawings, 15% construction drawings and cost estimates for required improvements.

The original approved project cost is \$74,310. Per Section 1 of the contract standard provisions, the Town may amend the scope. Based upon further review of the qualifications of the consultant, and this scope, staff recommends amending the scope of work and amending the overall project cost per Exhibit B. The additional cost is \$63,500, for a total contract cost of \$137,810. Kimley-Horn did take into account savings obtained through the original contract.

Rebecca from Kimley-Horn spoke and reiterated the schedule as presented by Steve. It is unknown when the exact date of the start but that it would be a six month process from start to finish. The current request is within the scope of work and a lot of what they hope to achieve is to allow the two different efforts so combine and work together since they really have the same goal, which is to increase walkability and increase a pedestrian friendly environment within the Town Center. This

would take place along with the parking evaluation and how to best modify the parking to meet the needs of the community. She then went into the remaining project steps and the implications from a funding process.

Council Member Kroyer asked for conformation that the study being done by Rick Engineering regarding the lanes on Cave Creek Road and Tom Darlington was not being duplicated by Kimley-Horn. Steve explained the differences and the needs to communicate with Rick Engineering and Kimley-Horn but that they would not be the same work.

Stacey Bridge-Denzak responded and explained the differences and the strategies for both Rick Engineering and Kimley – Horn. There was additional discussion regarding cooperating between the two contractors. Rebecca from Kimley – Horn expressed that the work would be complimentary to each other.

Council Member Stephen Hatcher asked how COVID had affected stakeholder engagement.

Rebecca responded that it had actually worked out much better than anticipated. Over the last year they have become creative in reaching out to the stakeholders and had been very successful. They have outdoor, socially distanced engagements, personal handouts and a robust web-based program and other steps that worked very well.

There were additional questions from the Council.

Council Member Kroyer **moved** to approve Amendment to the existing Contract Comprehensive Sign Plan contract with Kimley-Horn, for \$63,500, to include circulation and parking analysis and recommendations. There was a **second** by Council Member Geiger. The motion **carried** unanimously by a vote of 6 to 0 due to the need for Council Member D’Aliesio to leave the meeting.

ITEM #12 Review, discussion and possible Resolution to approve the 24-Month Communications and Community Engagement Plan.

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Communications Coordinator Alex Orozco.

Alex provided a power point and explained that there were a lot of facets to communications but she wanted to go over the main points that are important to discuss. She started by introducing herself and giving some of her background. She is an Arizona native but has spent the last 7 to 8 years in the South. She has two bachelor degrees from the University of Alabama. One in Multimedia Journalism with an emphasis in Sports Broadcasting and another in General Business Communication. She has worked with ESPN before moving to Nashville, Tennessee where she worked for USA Today. She produced and wrote content and managing social media platforms for 72 affiliate websites. She came back to Arizona working freelance before coming to Arizona.

Alex explained that, in the fall of 2020 Town Council held multiple visioning sessions, from which, Town Council created the Council Strategic Work Plan 2020-2022. Within this plan, four pillars were identified and one of those pillars being communications, marketing, and community engagement. She explained the need to improve communications between staff, community and residents. She highlighted the work plan objectives to improve communication with residents

and businesses and improve internal communication and processes. She explained the need to target local issues with specific communications to better achieve maximum outreach and sharing of information. She went over the steps to communication between the Town and businesses for keys to success. She went over a social media campaign she has worked on to promote businesses. She explained the steps she has taken to meet with businesses, taking photos and highlighting what makes them valuable to the Town of Carefree.

The process for creating the plan included input from staff, members of the community, businesses, and Council members. This initial plan creates the basic framework for how the Town will communicate and engage. She also provided information on the strategies and tools for her communication plan to include a newsletter (COINS) to be distributed to a target audience, a business specific newsletter with an updated contact list and a staff specific newsletter. She highlighted the importance of a good website and the use of Twitter and Facebook to make it easier for people to find the Town's social media platforms. She explained her projected steps to redesign and improve the Carefree.org and Visitcarefree.com sites. She went into the details of social and digital media and the need to consistently manage the Town's social channels and posting quality content. She provided the Council with her strategies for increasing the Town's digital presence and establishing a relationship with local news outlets by cross networking and cross promoting in other cities and towns in Arizona. Alex stated there are two major ways ads target an audience. The first one being users that may be interested in similar content. Algorithms track the interests based on the search history or things the searchers click on, from there Instagram curates similar content of interest. The 2nd way is by proximity. If the Town is trying to target a certain region or neighborhood, staff can use location settings to target a specific audience. For example, an individual accesses their phone within the region of tower A and tower B the ad will curate to their feed automatically. She provided the Council with a mock landing page to show them what it might look like

Alex then explained the role and importance of communication in posted publications and the importance of establishing a designated Visitor Center, improving and redesigning collateral material, signage communication and an updated business directory. She also provided an example of a posted publication of the Town Gardens on April 24th for Earth Day. She stated posted publications offer another layer of a transparent forum for distributing information.

She also explained the benefit of building closer bonds with the community through direct outreach and the need to promote cooperation, allow everyone to feel valued and create improved community dynamics. She highlighted ways to strengthen that communication such as building a trusting relationship with people in the community, offering layers of transparency, having consistent avenues of communication and creating and implementing an ambassador group to offer knowledge and resources to people in the Town. She went on to explain that events would also bring attention and people to the Town but the chosen events need to enhance and compliment the businesses and incorporate the businesses into the community.

Finally, a communications policy will add structure to the Town's communication process and maximize productivity. Clarifying staff members' and others' roles in the communication process will identify each member's contributions to the process and what is the responsibility of each staff member. A policy will help manage people and their responsibilities during the construction of a communications project.

As with any plan, we will continually monitor implementation and success, develop metrics and update Council on progress, which will be presented with future updates on the Council Work Plan.

Mayor Peterson commented that he looks forward to the results.

Town Administrator, Gary Neiss observed the need for visual communication and Alex's graphics will pull in residents and pull in visitors and people wanting to do business in Carefree. Council Member Kroyer stated that the Town has never had a real presence in Social Media and due to Alex's efforts they are already seeing increased success and traffic. She mentioned that the restaurant Athens had a great opening due to the exposure created by Alex. Social media doesn't cost much but provides valuable results.

There were questions and comments by Stephen Hatcher. Alex responded and provided information on SEO cue words "Search Engine Optimization" and how to make it more important and valuable.

Vice Mayor Crane **moved** to approve the Resolution. There was a **second** by Council Member Krahe. The motion **carried** unanimously by a vote of 6 to 0 with one absence.

ITEM #13 **Street Closure Street Closure, Ho-hum from Easy Street to 100 Easy Street, from 5:00PM to 11:00PM April 15-17 and 22-24 to provide safety for Desert Foothills Theater production.**

Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and introduced Steve Prokopek. He reminded the Council there was a map in their meeting materials and it was the street immediately adjacent to the Pavilion. He asked if there were any questions. He was asked which play was being performed.

Mr. Prokopek stated it was a teen production and that the teen production rotated with the regular production. This production was going to give many of the teens the 1st opportunity to perform in over a year.

There were comments by Council.

Council Member Kroyer **moved** to approve the street closure as presented. There was a **second** by Council Member Krahe. The motion **carried** unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0 with one absence.

Mayor Peterson stated that he regretfully reminded the Council that this was the last meeting for Council Member Krahe. He turned the meeting over to Council Member Krahe.

Council Member Krahe played a song that meant a great deal to him in his departure. He thanked the Council, Mayor, Gary, Kandace and the Carefree Town Staff. He said they were the best and it had been a real honor. He wanted to recognize Lyn and Herbie Hitchon for being superior in supporting the Town and he believed they had made it "to the other side." He referenced many of the past accomplishments and pending projects as well as the Strategic Plan, the hotel and the

condominiums. He thanked Steve and Alex and Stacey for their work. He described his move to Lexington, Kentucky and the plan to live in both Carefree and Kentucky. He has the deepest appreciation for everyone and wishes them all the best.

Mayor Peterson commented.

ITEM #14 Adjournment.

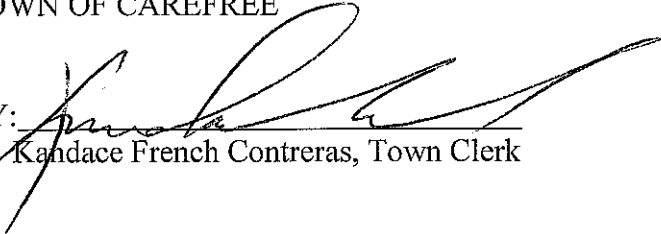
Mayor Peterson announced the agenda item and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Krahe **moved** to adjourn. There was a **second** by Council Member Kroyer. The motion **carried** unanimously.


The meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

DATED this 8th day of April, 2021.

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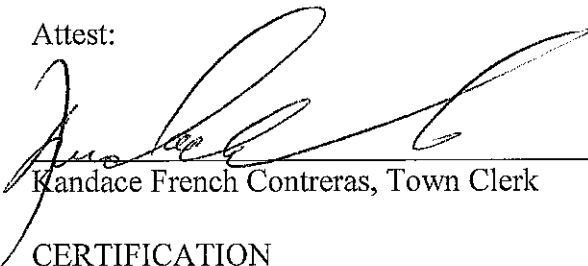
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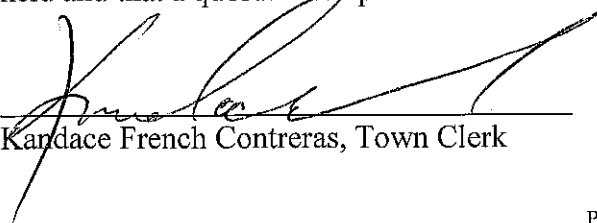
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Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Carefree held April 6, 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk