

AGENDA

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:00pm

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Tusayan Town Council and to the general public that the Tusayan Town Council will hold a meeting open to the public on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Tusayan Town Hall Building. If authorized by a majority vote of the Tusayan Town Council, an executive session may be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. The Council may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3 for legal advice concerning any matter on the agenda, including those items set forth in the consent and regular agenda sections. The Town Council may change, in its discussion, the order in which any agenda items are discussed during the course of the meeting.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the Town Manager at (928) 638-9909 as soon as possible.

As a reminder, if you are carrying a cell phone, electronic pager, computer, two-way radio, or other sound device, we ask that you silence it at this time to minimize disruption of today's meeting.

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR GREG BRYAN

VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON

COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD

COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA

COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER

❖ *One or two Council Members may attend by telephone*

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the public may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda. The Council may not discuss, consider or act upon any matter raised during public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

Members of the audience who wish to speak to the Council on an item listed as Public Hearing should complete a Request to Speak Card and turn it into the Town Clerk. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each.

4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

Tusayan Fire District Fire Wise presentation

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and will be acted on with one motion and one vote. Members of the council or staff may ask the mayor to remove any item from the consent agenda to be discussed and acted upon separately.

A. Minutes of the Town Council Special Meetings on 6/3/15, 6/4/15, and 6/24/15 and the Regular Meeting on 6/24/15

B. Accounts Payable Billings

6. WORK GROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Update on the Sports Complex Work Group

B. Update on the Planning and Zoning Commission

C. Update on Affordable Housing

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of Certificate of Deposit (CD) renewal of July 23, 2015

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of renewal of CD maturing on August 12, 2015

C. Consideration, discussion, and possible ratification of "Diamonds Back" Youth Field Building Grant Application

D. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of resolution in support of Broadband grant

E. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of public bench donation

F. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of League of Arizona Cities and Towns Resolutions Committee recommendations

G. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of moving or cancelling the August 19, 2015 Council Meeting date change due to League Conference

H. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of establishing a date for review and date for approval of Tusayan Subdivision Ordinance

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update and Discussion of CDBG Project

B. Discussion of public roadway seating

C. Update on broadband potential for Tusayan

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at the General Store in Tusayan, Arizona on this _____ day of July, 2015, at _____ pm in accordance with the statement filed by the Tusayan Town Council.

Signature of person posting the agenda

ITEM NO. 5A

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 5pm
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING
845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 5:04pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present:

**MAYOR GREG BRYAN
VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD
COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER**

Also present were:

Will Wright, Town Manager
Melissa Malone, Town Clerk

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

Consideration and discussion of Performance Evaluation of the Town Manager

The Town Council may decide to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for Personnel Evaluation of the Town Manager.

At 5:07pm, Councilmember Montoya made a motion to take the Council into Executive Session. Councilmember Reuter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the performance evaluation of the Town Manager.

At 6:15pm, Councilmember Reuter made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Mayor Bryan Stated that the Council determined that they needed to meet again on this topic on the next evening. They requested that another Special Meeting be posted for June 4, 2015 at 6:45pm.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. Councilmember Reuter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Greg Bryan, Mayor

Date

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on June 3, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2015

TOWN CLERK

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, June 4, 2015 at 5pm

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:50pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present:

MAYOR GREG BRYAN

VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON – joined the meeting at 7:10pm

COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD

COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA

COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER

Also present were:

Will Wright, Town Manager

Melissa Malone, Town Clerk

4. DISCUSSION ITEM

Consideration and discussion of Performance Evaluation of the Town Manager

The Town Council may decide to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for Personnel Evaluation of the Town Manager.

At 6:52pm, Councilmember Reuter made a motion to take the Council into Executive Session. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the performance evaluation of the Town Manager.

At 7:59pm, Councilmember Montoya made a motion to exit the Executive Session and re-enter the Public Meeting. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to accept the Town Manager's resignation with a 30 day notice and a separation agreement with severance package. Councilmember Reuter seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

Mayor Bryan stated that the Council will contract with Interim Public Management, Inc. for a consultant to serve as the Interim Town Manager. At a later date, a search for a permanent Town Manager will begin.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Reuter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.
Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Greg Bryan, Mayor

Date

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

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State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on June 4, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2015

TOWN CLERK

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03
Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 5:45pm
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING
845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 5:50pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present:

MAYOR GREG BRYAN
VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD
COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER - excused

Also present were: Will Wright, Town Manager
Melissa Malone, Town Clerk

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Mayor Bryan opened the public hearing and requested comments. There were none.

Mayor Bryan closed the public hearing.

4. ACTION ITEM

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Final Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Councilmember Montoya made a motion adopt Resolution 2015-05 and the Final Budget. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on a vote of 3 to 1 with Councilmember Fitzgerald voting "No."

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54pm. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Greg Bryan, Mayor

Date

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

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Coconino County)

I, Melissa M. Drake, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Tusayan, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Council of the Town of Tusayan held on June 24, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2015

TOWN CLERK

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03
Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00pm
TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BUILDING
845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARIZED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

MAYOR GREG BRYAN
VICE MAYOR CRAIG SANDERSON
COUNCILMEMBER BILL FITZGERALD
COUNCILMEMBER AL MONTOYA
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN RUETER - excused

Also present were: Will Wright, Town Manager
Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

John Vail addressed the Council representing the Tusayan Fire District and thanked them for the Town's support.

Julie Aldaz thanked the Council for getting the crosswalk signs installed but suggested the push buttons be turned. She also stated that the led light color does not show well in the daytime.

4. CEREMONIAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

Tusayan Fire District Fire Wise presentation

The presenter was not available due to a family emergency

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting on 6/3/15

B. Accounts Payable Billings

Mayor Bryan noted a correction on check # 2650. He stated that it should be for the Tusayan Access Application, not the Affordable Housing Project.

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the change noted. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

6. WORKGROUP AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Update on the Sports Complex Work Group

None

B. Update from the Planning and Zoning Commission

Manager Wright stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission met last night and requested a joint meeting with the Council. Rick Schuller, Town Engineer, stated that there were minor changes to the Subdivision Regulations and the Commission wants to include the Council in final word-smithing. The Council will participate in the next Commission Meeting on July 28, 2015.

C. Update on Affordable Housing

Manager Wright stated that Catalyst Architecture sent a draft mailer today and he forwarded it to the Council.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution 2015-06 supporting US Senate Bill 1416, a bill to prevent the President from changing the federal water-rights designation of lands declared to be national monuments

Mayor Bryan stated that the bill is sponsored by Senator Flake, Senator McCain, Senator Hatch, and Senator Lee and has been proposed to limit the President's right to change the federal water-rights designation of lands declared to be national monuments.

Mayor Bryan made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-06. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Resolution 2015-07 and an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Tusayan and the Arizona Department of Revenue related to Uniform Administration of the Town's Transaction Privilege Tax

Manager Wright introduced the resolution and IGA stating that it is required by the state as part of their Tax Simplification Project.

Clarinda Vail noted that the language in the Resolution does not match the language in the IGA regarding specific taxes to be collected by the State. Mayor Bryan stated that both the IGA and the Resolution are standard for all cities and towns.

Vice Mayor Sanderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-07. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

C. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of supporting an effort by the Town of Mammoth, Arizona to increase state funding for small towns

Manager Wright stated that this item was discussed in the last Council Meeting. He stated that neither he nor Mayor Bryan were able to contact the Mayor of the Town of Mammoth to (1) request revenue projections on each item proposed, (2) request information on the feedback he has received, and (3) inform him that this Council opposes the driver's license portion of this request.

Vice Mayor Sanderson made a motion to draft a letter in support of the Town of Mammoth's efforts to raise small town funding excluding the driver's license portion of the proposal. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

D. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of pursuing the USDA Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Grant for Tusayan Broadband Improvements

Manager Wright noted an e-mail in the packet from Bill Bolin regarding a grant to improve broadband services in Tusayan. The Council discussed the request. Manager Wright stated that a decision would be made in October and if approved by the USDA, a 100% match in funds would be required from the Town.

Councilmember Montoya made a motion to approve pursuit of the USDA RCDI Grant. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked what would happen if one region in the grant cannot meet the matching funds requirement. Mayor Bryan stated that this question be answered, as well as a status on this item at the August 5, 2015 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Consideration, discussion, and possible selection of a date for a special Council meeting for a Public Hearing on a liquor license Acquisition of Control for Plaza Bonita Restaurant

Clerk Drake stated that an application for Acquisition of Control of the liquor license at Plaza Bonita has been made to change ownership from a group which includes the owner of Plaza Bonita to sole ownership by the owner of Plaza Bonita. The deadline for input from the Town to the State is August 1 and the public hearing must be posted for at least 20 days prior. She stated that if the posting occurs on June 25, 2015, the earliest the public hearing may be held is July 15, 2015.

Vice Mayor Sanderson made a motion to have the public hearing on July 28, 2015 at 5:00pm. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

F. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to cancel or move the regular meeting scheduled for August 19, 2015

Mayor Bryan stated that this meeting is scheduled at the same time as the League Conference.

The Council took no action.

G. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Bid Packet for dirt work at the Sports Complex

Rick Schuller, Town Engineer, updated the Council on the status of this project and the Bid Packet for earth moving at the Sports Complex. He stated that the Grand Canyon National Park Airport has agreed to allow the Town and the School District to use a dirt pile on their property as fill dirt for the project.

The Council discussed the project with Mr. Schuller and Manager Wright.

Mayor Bryan noted that in the plan, it appears that there will not be enough space for access to the future school. Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that the plan should include additional parking.

Clarinda Vail asked if the Sports Complex Work Group has seen the design and expressed similar concerns to the Mayor's comments about access. She was also concerned about the location of fencing since sports balls could go into the street.

Mayor Bryan suggested that the Council should not act hastily. He also suggested that the Sports Complex Work Group and the School District Board should be able to give input on the design and then it should come back to the Council in August.

H. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Bid Packet for restrooms and ADA improvements at the Sports Complex

Rick Schuller, Town Engineer, updated the Council on the status of this project and the Bid Packet for restrooms and ADA improvements at the Sports Complex. He stated that if the Tusayan Sanitary District owned the sewer and water lines, it could be a solution to the legal issues surrounding utilities. Bob Petzoldt, representing the Sanitary District, stated that preliminary discussions with the District's Board of Directors and their legal counsel looked favorable for this solution.

Mayor Bryan noted that the deadline for the completion of the CDBG Project is January 1, 2016 and time is running out.

The Council discussed the options with Mr. Schuller, Manager Wright, Mr. Petzoldt, and Mr. and Mrs. Vail and the entire group will work together to definitively determine if this new option will work by the July 28, 2015 Council meeting.

Mr. Schuller will determine construction costs for the solution within 2 weeks and report to the Mayor. He will also have bid packages for the vault-and-haul solution as well as the new solution by the July 28, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Petzoldt will determine, within 2 weeks, if the Sanitary District Board is willing to take ownership of both the sewer and water lines for the project. He will also determine, through their legal counsel, if there are any legal obstacles to this.

Mr. and Mrs. Vail requested a new meter be placed at their home at the Town's expense and that the Town be responsible for any repairs should there be any failures.

Mayor Bryan will coordinate with the Town Attorney on the questions regarding the easement, the IGA with School District, and a maintenance agreement with the Sanitary District. He will also coordinate with the School District and Hydro Resources to see what issues might exist.

If all issues are not resolved for the new solution by the July 28, 2015 meeting, the Council will proceed with the vault-and-haul option.

I. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of reimbursement rates for Town Magistrate Office

Manager Wright noted an e-mail from Judge Krombeen regarding reimbursement rates for the Magistrate's Office travelling to Tusayan to hold Court at Tusayan Town Hall.

Vice Mayor Sanderson made a motion to approve the meal, lodging, and mileage reimbursement rates as proposed in the e-mail. Councilmember Montoya seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

J. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding review of Interim Town Manager resumes and process for selection

The Town Council may decide to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.1 for discussion or consideration of persons to serve as Interim Town Manager. Following the executive session, the Council may act to appoint the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to serve as a subcommittee of the Council in order to (i) interview candidates to serve as Interim Town Manager; (ii) select a person to serve as Interim Town Manager; and (iii) authorize a contract with Interim Public Management to make such person available to serve as Interim Town Manager.

Mayor Bryan moved this item to the end of the meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation of maps from the map integration project (Woodson Engineering)

Rick Schuller, Town Engineer, presented new maps of the Town which were created using aerial mapping data and as well as other available information.

B. Update on hydrologic analysis and drainage improvements (Woodson Engineering)

Rick Schuller, Town Engineer, stated that he has started conversations with the Coconino County Flood District and now Tusayan is part of their flood plain analysis project which will involve the State and FEMA. He stated that the County is willing to fund the second half of the study after July 1, 2015. He also stated that mitigation work on basins outside of the Town is already in progress.

Clarinda Vail asked when stakeholder meetings will be held and when the documentation submitted to the County will be available. Mr. Schuller stated that stakeholder meetings will be coming soon and the documentation will be available after the County is able to proceed with the study, after July 1.

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Wright noted that his project status and transition report was e-mailed to the Council a few days ago and answered the following:

- Councilmember Fitzgerald asked Manager Wright if there had been any progress on Xanterra allowing fiber in their right-of-way. Manager Wright stated "no" but their statement was that they are "amenable" to the idea, not that they approve it.

Mayor Bryan stated that this is Manager Wright's last meeting and thanked him for his service to the Town and hoped he enjoys his retirement

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Not discussed

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

None

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryan stated the following:

- NACOG's Economic Development Council is renewing its list of projects. He stated that he will leave Tusayan's "as is" unless the Council has other input
- the Coconino Plateau Water Advisory Council (CPWAC) has a meeting on Friday and the primary discussions will be regarding education and conservation, not on the pipeline proposal
- The League of Arizona Cities and Towns has a proposal regarding a service line warranty program. He will ask the Sanitary District and Hydro Resources for their input.
- He met with Pamela Edwards with the National Park Service on Tuesday regarding extending the Tusayan shuttle for additional time. She stated that the cost was about \$60,000 per month. He asked her to look at several options for expanding the service and she should get back with us in 4-6 weeks.

The Council took a break from 9:10pm to 9:18pm

7.J. Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding review of Interim Town Manager resumes and process for selection

The Town Council may decide to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.1 for discussion or consideration of persons to serve as Interim Town Manager. Following the executive session, the Council may act to appoint the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to serve as a subcommittee of the Council in order to (i) interview candidates to serve as Interim Town Manager; (ii) select a person to serve as Interim Town Manager; and (iii) authorize a contract with Interim Public Management to make such person available to serve as Interim Town Manager.

At 9:18pm, Councilmember Montoya made motion to take the Council into Executive Session. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

The Council discussed resumes of potential consultants to serve as Interim Town Manager.

At 9:40pm, Councilmember Montoya made motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

In open session, Councilmember Montoya made motion to direct the Mayor and Vice Mayor to conduct interviews, select a consultant to serve as Interim Town Manager, and execute a contract for that consultant. Councilmember Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilmember Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41pm. Vice Mayor Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed on unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Greg Bryan, Mayor **Date**

Melissa M. Drake, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
Coconino County)

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DATED this 27th day of July, 2015

Town Clerk

ITEM NO. 7C

“Diamonds Back” Youth Field Building Application

Application Date: July 30, 2015

Applicant Program/Organization: The Town of Tusayan and the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4

Contact Name: Eric Duthie, Tusayan Town Mgr. and Kevin Hartigan, Board President for Grand Canyon USD

Phone Number: 928-638-9909 and/or 928-638-2461 x453 Fax Number: 928-638-9910 and/or 928-638-2461 x400

Email Address: tusayantownmanager@gmail.com and kthartigan@grandcanyonschool.org

Address: 845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan, AZ 86023 with a mailing address of PO Box 709, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Non-profit status and number: Local government, Federal Identification Number 61-1617477

1. This grant request is for the following purpose: (choose one)
New Field/Facility Construction New/ Replacement Lighting Other
2. Please provide a brief description of your proposed project (new build or renovation), the current condition of the field (if applicable), and list the specific needs for this field.

This project will develop a community baseball field that will also serve as the Grand Canyon High School baseball field. This field, along with other park amenities, will be available to the residents of the Town of Tusayan, the Grand Canyon National Park and the community of Valle, who will utilize this park for a number of recreational activities, including basketball courts, a tot lot playground, which was completed last year (see newspaper article). In addition, the community and school plan to construct a soccer field and put in public restrooms with storage this year to better serve the community's needs.

This proposal is to construct a baseball field to high school specifications, which area was recently cleared of trees and shrubs by a County crew. The Town Council has had the engineering and design specifications performed in order to bring in top soil for the field. This request will complete the grading work for the installation of an irrigation sprinkler system using reclaimed water, hydro seeding the grass for the fields and putting in an infield, install the fencing for the field and team dugouts, and the purchase of bleachers for the fans, as well as look at putting in lighting for the baseball field.

In short, this is the first baseball field for our community that will also serve the Grand Canyon High School baseball team whose current field inside the National Park has significant limitations. This grant request will provide all the facets briefly described as needed to construct a baseball field that will serve the residents of the three communities in this area as well as the Grand Canyon High School baseball team. See attached budget estimate of \$652,000 for the cost to develop this baseball field, including \$300,000 to provide lighting for this baseball field.

3. Organizational background: Provide a brief description of your organization/league and describe the constituency it serves. Include any partnering entities and their roles.

The Grand School District acquired eighty (80) acres of Forest Service land under the Education Land Grant Act (ELGA) for a future school site in 2008. The School then entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in 2012 with the Town of Tusayan "... to construct or cause to be constructed several ball fields, walking trails, picnic areas, and a playground ..." on a 16 acre section of this parcel that was set aside for the development of a community park, including a baseball field.

The School and Town formed a Park Committee comprised of two members of the School Board and two from the Town Council, along with staff from both organizations, charged with creating a plan to develop a community park. The recreational amenities described above would benefit the residents of three area communities including, the Grand Canyon National Park, the Town of Tusayan and the community of Valle. This field will also serve as the High School baseball field, which is currently in the National Park and has area limitations for the team as well as visiting teams and their fans.

There was a Little League baseball program that in the past few years had to be cancelled due to a lack of facilities and funding challenges. There is currently an adult co-ed softball league consisting of seven to eight teams with an average of 15 members to a team playing in the area. However, according to their organizer this league can only run for a couple of months with limited play due to challenges in the Park. They currently use the high school field which is not lighted and must shorten the season when the school starts back in early August. Also, this field only allows for day use which significantly limits the play of this league as only one game can fit into the daylight schedule.

4. Demographics: Describe the socio-economic nature of the neighborhood location and what impact this field will have on the community.

Unfortunately, the 2010 Census for the Town of Tusayan does not contain a lot of data indicating the income levels or economic nature of the communities. However, the 2010 Census does show that the Grand Canyon Village and Town of Tusayan's population is 2,627 with 20.5 percent of the people at or below the poverty level. There are about 457 youth under the age of 19 years of age. It is anticipated that this baseball field would have a tremendous impact on bringing the people of these three communities together by providing recreational opportunities. As a result, the people have been working tirelessly through local donations and volunteerism to construct this park so that the youth and families in this area can enjoy the playground and athletic amenities important to every community.

5. Usage: Who uses this field? (Leagues, organizations? Who determines usage?)

As briefly described above, the high school has a need for a better baseball field as it is undersized and has no ability to expand its current facility due to being the only public school located in a National Park in the United States. Additionally, there is currently an adult coed league of over 100 participants that would like to expand to have all male and/or female leagues and there is a need for youth baseball leagues, which would be possible if they had more facilities for baseball on which to practice and play.

6. How many children use this field?

Since this is a new field, it is difficult to estimate how much usage it will get. However, there are currently just over 300 students in the Grand Canyon Schools with approximately 90 being in high school. The Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 educates students from all three communities. Several people expressed a desire to have a league for the youth, but without adequate facilities, it is virtually impossible for that to happen. The Census indicated there are 457 youth 19 years or younger in Grand Canyon Village and the Town of Tusayan.

7. Location: Give directions/major crossroads.

Tusayan is located on Highway 64 about seven miles south of Grand Canyon Village. It is about 50 miles north of Interstate 40 with Valle about 19 miles south of Tusayan along Highway 64. The park is located on Long Jim Loop about 1/2 mile west of Highway 64.

8. Is this an existing field, or a brand new site? This will be a brand new field.
9. Type, size of field: (i.e. Little League, Softball, Regulation) This will be a regulation high school field of 310 feet down the line from home plate to the outfield fence.
10. Owner of field: (i.e. Individual, City, County, Church, League)

As explained earlier, the Grand Canyon School District owns the land, however, the town through an IGA is working through partnerships to develop a community park that will, among other recreational amenities, include a baseball field to serve the residents of this region as well as the high school.

11. Who will maintain the field? Is maintenance budgeted?

The Town of Tusayan currently has the responsibility for maintaining the park and would assume the maintenance of this field upon completion. There are funds set aside in the FY14-15 budget for park operations, including maintenance. The budget is approved annually by the Town Council and is reviewed/modified each year to ensure appropriate, among other things, the care and maintenance of this facility is appropriately funded in coming fiscal year, which begins July 1st.

12. In addition to the proposed site, are there any other baseball/softball fields currently serving this league/community? (Please list with names and locations.)

The only baseball field available for residents in this region is located in the National Park at the high school. This alone constrains community-wide use of this facility for the three area communities and due to the age of this facility and land limitations as well as funding challenges it is highly improbable that any additional field(s) or amenities could be placed in the National Park.

13. What improvements have been done and by whom?

This community park now has a sport court, a tot lot with a few picnic tables for public use. This project is for the construction of a new baseball field on a site that has been surveyed, cleared and grubbed, engineered with design specifications in order to bring in top soil and to perform the grading for the fields. Further, a full service restroom facility will be constructed this coming year.

14. What other funding have you applied for?

The Town of Tusayan was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to install public restrooms at this park. This \$245,000 grant has a \$50,000 match from the town to complete the restrooms by the end of FY2015. Additionally, town and local donations of about \$400,000 have been used for the construction of a sport court, a tot lot area as well as picnic tables with the town taking the lead to raise public funds to construct the baseball and soccer fields.

15. What other funding have you secured?

Both the public and private sectors have contributed considerable resources to develop this community park. For example, the town and the school through donated funds have contributed over \$400,000 for the construction of the basketball sport courts with fencing and the tot lot playground. Further, private businesses such as the Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, Red Feather Lodge, Xanterra, the Stilo Group, Canyon Plaza have given over \$125,000 to assist with these amenities mentioned above. Additionally, many citizens from the community and these organizations, as well as the Fire District, the Grand Canyon National Park Airport and Fire Department, Coconino County, B's Construction, Papillon Airways, 7 Mile Lodge, McDonald's, Grand Canyon School teachers and staff, US Forest Service, Grand Canyon Camper Village, South Grand Canyon Sanitary District and other local businesses, including APS have made contributions and sent volunteers to work on these facilities. In short, this park has been a true partnership of public and private sectors that have contributed over \$500,000 in the past few years to put in the above-noted recreational facilities to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the three communities and hope to partner with others to put in additional park amenities.

16. What type of in-kind donations (labor, equipment, materials) has/can your organization secure(d)?

The organizations noted-above will continue to donate labor, equipment and materials as available for the ongoing development of this park, including the baseball field, as well as the future facilities planned for this community park.

17. What is the timetable for this project?

The timetable for this project is like everything else, tied to funding and available resources. The assistance of the 'Diamonds Back' Youth Field Building program would greatly increase the community's ability to construct this baseball field within an estimated 12 to 18 months. However, without this funding assistance it would take several years longer or more as other factors come into play with ongoing efforts to get the funding needed to build this baseball field.

18. Additional Narrative: What other conditions or circumstances, additional information can you give to support your application? (Please use space available)

The Grand Canyon Village located in the National Park, the Town of Tusayan and Valle are unique communities in that about 4.7 million visitors annually pass through this area from around the world to experience the Grand Canyon. It takes a lot of people (residents) to service this number of visitors and it is primarily for these families that this park is being developed, including this baseball field.

A survey of the people was taken by the School District when this land was initially obtained in about 2008 to determine the most important areas of interest for the people in the development of this park. The top five areas of interest included a baseball field, a soccer field, playground, picnic tables, and restroom facilities. The Park Committee developed a plan, which enlisted many community volunteers, and has already solicited significant local contributions, that when combined with school and town resources has successfully developed several recreational amenities to provide a park for the good of those who live, work and visit this area.

The vision for this park, shared by so many citizens of these communities, has encouraged increased cooperation and consideration among neighbors, as well as instilled greater pride in this place by the people who live and work here. Up until the plans for this park, there was little play going on in this area, due in large part, to a lack of recreational amenities available for the residents. I know it may sound strange in a place where so many millions of visitors come, but the fact is, there are few recreational opportunities for those who live here because of limited private land available and land use restrictions. Remember what they say about all work and no play, then you'll begin to appreciate the importance of developing a baseball field in this park.

It is for these reasons, that we respectfully request the favorable consideration of this funding for a facility to serve the people who constantly serve the many visitors who come to experience the true treasure of Arizona, the Grand Canyon State. This request for \$652,000 is supported by the attached construction estimate issued by the school/town Park Committee provided by Michael Taylor Architects, Inc., who has worked for the school and various businesses in this area through the years. Electricity is onsite and a reclaimed waterline is adjacent to this site along Long Jim Loop and currently feeds a fire hydrant and serves this area of town, including this park site.

Please attach any photos, plans, budget projections, estimates, pledges etc. for this project.

Please submit this application to: The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation
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