**NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**Established 1958**

A STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) GRANT HELD AT THE

NEWBERRY COMMUNITY CENTER, 30884 NEWBERRY ROAD, NEWBERRY SPRINGS, CA

ON June 22, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

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**MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Director Margie Roberts at 6:09 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Rose talked about the Newberry Springs Chamber of Commerce fundraiser for the Family Center that will take place on Thursday, July 13 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are $20 and funds go toward the Family Center coolers. Ronnie Shaw & Gwen Patrick brought up the fact that their students need gardening gloves.

1. Open and Introductions—attendees were Veronica Shaw, Rose & Ron Beardshear, Karen Dodd, Margie Roberts, Tom Somak, Ted Stimpfel, Renee Kaminski, Gwen Patrick, Donna Soller, and Karla Claus.

2. Review Committee Norms—attendees read through them on their own and there were no issues.

a. Respect the time allocated for this meeting and keep all comments/discussion on

subject.

b. Be present.

c. Respect the ideas and thoughts of all committee members

d. There is no one right solution.

3. Discussion of project selection—Rose informed the group that the Technical Team advised her to go through the project list and focus on the items that are connected to the CSD authorities. Those items were selected by the group and include:

* Purchase property to establish CSD Civic Hub & Fire Station
* Electric Passenger Van/Charging Stations at community center & civic hub
* Upgrade CSD building & grounds
* Water efficiency & resiliency
* Storage tanks for fire protection
* Food rescue/recovery
* Recycling program
* Recycling center
* Green renovation to CSD grounds
* Desert greening project
* Dust mitigation
* Permaculture
* Upgrade CSD kitchen for permitted commercial kitchen
* Purchase fire engine

4. Review and finalize community vision—The group reviewed the 2nd draft of the project deliverables and made a few suggestions. Below is the final draft of grant deliverables:

The Newberry Springs Community Enhancement Project aims to upgrade the Community Service District’s (CSD) existing community center to meet current building and safety codes and assess the parkland for renovation.  Buildings and parkland will be evaluated for environmental sustainability and designed for features and spaces that improve the community’s access to physical activity and healthy food options.  Additionally,the CSD will establish a much-needed centralized Civic Hub to improve the delivery of authorized CSD services with an emphasis on the fire department.

A project manager will be hired to coordinate property acquisition, planning, design, and budget aspects of the CSD infrastructure upgrades in preparation of project implementation.  Project manager will work with a community planner to ensure that project plans and designs meet the environmental, economic, and social justice priorities of the community.  Planner will collaborate with community members, government officials, and other stakeholders developing programs, plans and formal agreements for the utilization of the upgraded facilities, civic hub and fire department.

A fiscal impact analysis will be conducted to estimate public costs and revenues that result from future development.  A grant writer will be hired to seek other funding sources that can be leveraged for project implementation.

5. Schedule next committee meeting—Next meeting Wed. July 5, 6-8 p.m. (this was cancelled due to July 3rd event & Daphne going on vacation).

6. Adjourn—adjourned at 7:50 p.m.