

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force was held at 5:15 p.m. on April 20, 2016, at the Page Public Library in Page, Arizona. Chair Cherie Zube presided. Vice Chair Bee Valvo was excused, Secretary Bunny Cochran was excused, Members Regina Santelli, Ron Macdonald and City Council Liaison John Mayes were present.

Chair Zube called the meeting to order.

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

No citizens addressed the Substance Abuse Task Force.

MINUTES

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Motion made by Chair Zube to approve the minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed upon a vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.Continuation of work towards creation of a vision and mission statement.

Motion made by Member Santelli to continue to table the item. The motion was duly seconded by Member Macdonald and passed upon a vote.

2.Adoption of a formal resolution opposing the State of Arizona's legalization of marijuana for recreational use.

Motion made by Member Santelli to continue to table the item. The motion was duly seconded by Member Macdonald and passed upon a vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1.Funding decisions for FY2017-areas of emphasis for prevention.

Chair Zube met with Linda Watson, Finance Director with the City of Page. It was explained that the task force currently had a total amount of \$17,718.04 in the account. Linda explained that the entire amount did not have to be put in the FY 2017 budget. The sum of \$9,344.00 was put into the FY 2017 budget for the Substance Abuse Task Force.

There was discussion with the task force pertaining to an emphasis for prevention, and having the Substance Abuse Task Force attend more community functions to make their presence known by the public.

2.Discussion pertaining to the elimination of the Police Canine Program.

Chief Balkcom of the Page Police Department explained to the Board that the canine program was eliminated due to the canine officer no longer being employed by the City of Page. He stated that at this time the Police Department does not have staffing to continue the program, and the dog was returned to Alderhorst International, where the

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dog was purchased and trained. The company advised that when the Page Police Department was in a position to have a canine officer again that they would have a credit toward the purchase of another dog.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Bunny Cochran
~~Secretary~~



Cherie A. Zube
Chair