

**SPRINGDALE OFFERING SUPPORT**  
**Meeting Minutes for:**  
**July 19, 2017**

Meeting began at 3:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webster, Matt Clayton, Greg Karle, Marsha Hoctor, Tom Lindsey, Carolyn Ghantous, Bob Diehl, and Julie Matheny

Minutes: Approval of May 17, 2017 meeting minutes will be added to the September 20, 2017 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**St. Rita's Haunted House:**

Gregg Taylor and Christine Russell looked for potential locations and reached out to several shopping centers. The old Dillard's location at Tri-County Mall was chosen due to easier access to "kill switches" that were necessary for fire code safety. It was believed that there will be no charge for rent. It was noted that two people were needed to negotiate the deal. It was decided that Bob Diehl, Julie Matheny, and Mayor Webster would handle the negotiations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**939 Castro:**

Suad Nassar, owner of the home at 939 Castro had originally spoken with Spruce Up Springdale, who took care of the tree and weeds that she had issues with. However, she has multiple maintenance concerns at her house. Soffitts and gutters are still in need of repair. Her porch/patio enclosure needs a gutter on one side (which is possibly causing water damage in the foundation). After the Mayor and Matt had assessed the situation, it was discovered that it may be too large for S.O.S. to handle. Investigating the possibility of going through the Home Improvement Repair Program. Her shed is also an issue. It is impossible to make improvements on it due to the location of the shed on the property. People Working Cooperatively (PWC) has worked with her in the past. Sue was encouraged to fill out paperwork for H.I.R.P. and P.W.C. Carolyn suggested waiting on final assessment once HIRP and PWC get the first priority items completed. Carolyn will get in touch with Sue. Bob Diehl suggested that Carolyn's husband, Nick may be able to help organize and talk to Sue about the possibility of a reverse mortgage to aid in her getting more items taken care of on her house. Jean Hicks and others will remain in contact with her as things progress.

**Willows Fire:**

July 8<sup>th</sup> there was a fire at The Willows apartment complex. The buildings that were damaged were building 1353, which had fire damage and building 1355, which had smoke damage. Channel 9 came to the Willows meeting which was organized in order to better organize relief efforts. A GoFundMe page was set up on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Tri County Assembly and The Vineyards churches are helping to pay for hotel rooms for those who were displaced by the fire. The Princeton Closet and The Vineyard are taking care of immediate food and clothing needs. Tom Lindsey and Matt Clayton went to local furniture stores in an effort to collect any donations. Many stores are willing to help and will donate through S.O.S. since it is a 501C3. Telling the stores about the WCPO story helped the cause. New Life Furniture is also willing to help with gently used furniture items. They are always accepting donations and will pick up any donated items for free. Five of the original eight families that were displaced will be back at The Willows. Two families decided not to move back in. One, (where the fire started), is not allowed back. Basic needs for these families have been met, but now furniture is needed. New Life Furniture will be meeting with Matt Clayton and Irma Carleton at 3:00 on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Webster suggested that in light of all the organizations that have stepped forward, perhaps a certain dollar amount can go forward. A donation to the Healing Center so they can better handle what is needed. A \$1,000 donation out of the S.O.S. General Fund to go to The Healing Center and anything we can raise. Tom Lindsey talked with P & G; they may possibly try to assist. Avon is not doing as much, but will try to produce a large donation of products to assist the families affected by the Willows fire. .

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:                      September 20, 2017**

Respectfully submitted,

City of Springdale  
Department of Health