



**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
990 E. MISSION RD., FALLBROOK, CA 92028
PHONE: (760) 728-1125**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BELOW DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 990 E. MISSION RD., FALLBROOK, CA 92028. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO DO NOT WISH TO ATTEND IN PERSON, FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PROVIDES A MEANS TO OBSERVE AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE USING THE BELOW CALL-IN AND WEBLINK INFORMATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT DISRUPT THE ABILITY OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO VIEW THE MEETING OR PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH THE WEB CONFERENCE OPTION, THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE.

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SUBMIT COMMENTS BEFORE THE MEETING:

- By emailing to our Board Secretary at leckert@fpud.com
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REMOTELY MAKE COMMENTS DURING THE MEETING: The Committee Chair will inquire prior to Committee discussion if there are any comments from the public on each item.

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MAKE IN-PERSON COMMENTS DURING THE MEETING: The Committee Chair will inquire prior to Committee discussion if there are any comments from the public on each item, at which time members of the public attending in person may make comments.

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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to address the Committee on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. The Committee Chair may limit comments to three (3) minutes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES------(ITEM A)

A. FEBRUARY 13, 2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE MEETING

III. WORKGROUP REPORTS.....(ITEMS B-C)

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION WORKGROUP

1. Meeting Procedures for Remote Participation
2. Mission and Vision Statements (*voting item*)
3. Committee Member Disclosure (*voting item*)
4. CBP Operating Guidelines
5. Email Correspondence Considerations

C. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

1. Grant Application Status
2. FPUD Attorney has Developed Draft Agreement
3. Scoring Rubric
4. Online Application Proposal (*voting item*)

IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION------(ITEMS D-E)

D. PUBLIC OUTREACH

1. Tag Paragraph
2. Draft Press Release

E. NEW BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – *Next meeting April 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.*

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary of the Fallbrook Public Utility District, do hereby declare that I posted a copy of the foregoing agenda in the glass case at the entrance of the District Office located at 990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in accordance with Government Code § 54954.2.

I, Lauren Eckert, further declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

March 9, 2023
Dated / Fallbrook, CA

/s/ Lauren Eckert
Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

**Minutes of the February 13, 2023
Community Benefit Committee Meeting**



**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
990 E. MISSION RD., FALLBROOK, CA 92028
PHONE: (760) 728-1125**

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Committee Chair Mendelson called the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Community Benefit Program ("FPUD CBP") Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established and attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Present: Jim Mendelson, Chair
Elana Sterling, Vice Chair
Anna Marchand, Secretary
Lila Hargrove
Jerry Kalman
Leticia Maldonado/Stamos
Rosie Redmond

Absent: None

District Staff

Present: Jack Bebee, General Manager
Noelle Denke, Public Affairs Specialist
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present were others, including, but not limited to: Brian Albright, San Diego County Parks Director. There were six members of the public in attendance. Remote access was also available and utilized for the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to approve the agenda, as presented; Vice Chair Sterling seconded. Motion passed. **VOTE:**

AYES: Unanimous

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to address the Committee on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. The Committee Chair may limit comments to three (3) minutes.

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

Chair Mendelson announced copies of the agenda were available on the Fallbrook Public Utility District (“FPUD”) website and at regularly scheduled public meetings.

There was discussion about beginning Committee meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved that the FPUD CBP Committee begin its regularly scheduled public meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

II. **CONSENT CALENDAR**-----**(ITEM A)**

All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Committee or the public requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Committee.

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 9, 2023 Community Benefit Committee Meeting

Recommendation: *The Committee approve the minutes of the aforementioned meeting of the Community Benefit Committee of the Fallbrook Public Utility District.*

MOTION: Vice Chair Sterling moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which included the approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2023 Community Benefit Committee Meeting; Committee Member Redmond seconded. Motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

III. WORKGROUP REPORTS.....(ITEMS B-C)

B. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

1. San Diego County Parks Director Brian Albright

San Diego County Parks Director Brian Albright presented information about current projects underway and planned for the Fallbrook and surrounding areas. Mr. Albright stated San Diego County Parks is looking forward to supporting, partnering and enhancing the efforts of the FPUD CBP. He briefly discussed the San Diego Parks Master Plan and offered to provide a copy to General Manager Bebee for distribution to the Committee Members, explaining that the Master Plan may be further amended per the San Diego Board of Supervisors' direction. Mr. Albright answered miscellaneous questions.

Chair Mendelson requested General Manager Bebee provide the Committee with a map of the Fallbrook Public Utility District's service area.

Committee Member Hargrove presented the Committee with the Workgroup's January 23 and January 30 meeting notes attached as Attachment "A" and "B," respectfully, hereto. Also attached hereto as Attachment "C" is a draft of the FPUD Community Benefit Program Application guidelines. Also attached hereto as Attachment "D" is a draft of the FPUD Community Benefit Application for Community Benefit Program funding.

Discussion ensued. General Manager Bebee explained that any award of funding will require a contract between FPUD and the organization receiving funding. The contract will be developed by FPUD and will possibly include terms addressing indemnification purposes.

Discussion ensued about the items proposed to be excluded from funding, including, but not limited to, whether funding should be available for "events/activities" and for volunteers or administrative costs. Comments from the public addressed requests for definition of "events" and "activities," clarification of the FPUD Administrative Code, Article 23, and whether a single person could request funding.

Discussion continued with the Committee representing an individual person is able to identify a qualifying project, but that funding will be provided by and through a non-profit organization, requiring the individual person to associate the project to a non-profit organization.

Further discussion ensued which addressed proposed required tax documentation in the application process. Efforts will be made to avoid

unintentional exclusion of non-profit organizations from eligibility to apply for funding.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION WORKGROUP

1. Administrative Rules of Order
2. Recusal
3. Scheduling
4. By-Laws Question
5. Mission And Vision Statements

Chair Mendelson presented an update on the current Brown Act. Discussion ensued about the restrictions for teleconferencing. General Manager Bebee explained that the FPUD Board will also be addressing the recent legislative changes to the Brown Act and restrictions to teleconferencing following Governor Brown's recall of the State of Emergency and public meeting requirements as set out in Assembly Bill 361. The subject was tabled to the next meeting.

Committee Member Marchand requested discussion to address a 2023 schedule for the regular public meetings and the procedure for those meetings. Discussion ensued, followed by four motions.

MOTION: Committee Member Marchand moved that the Fallbrook Public Utility Community Benefit Program Committee hold its regularly scheduled meetings one time per month. Vice Chair Sterling seconded. Motion passed; VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION: Committee Member Kalman moved the regularly scheduled public meetings occur on the second Monday of each month, with the exception that in the event a state or national holiday occurs on that same date, that the meeting commence the next following business day; Chair Mendelson seconded. Motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION: Committee Member Kalman moved the regularly scheduled public meetings occur at 10:00 a.m. Committee Member Redmond seconded. Motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved the Committee adopt the Roberts Rules of Order in conducting its regularly scheduled public meetings; Committee Member Kalman seconded. Motion passed.
VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Committee Member Marchand distributed two drafts of a proposed Intent to Disclose form, explaining the Administrative Functions Workgroup was tasked with this assignment following discussion at the January 13, 2023 Committee meeting. Discussion ensued and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Committee Member Marchand explained the possible perspectives for recusing a member's participation based on potential conflict and that a more strict restriction than that set out in the FPUD Administrative Code, Article 23, would need to be further defined in a writing. Discussion ensued and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Committee Member Marchand introduced a discussion about whether by-laws were needed. General Manager Bebee explained that the FPUD Board did not anticipate the Committee would have a need for by-laws, but explained that some sort of operating guidelines may be of assistance as long as the operating guidelines do not alter any portion of the Administrative Code. Discussion ensued and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Committee Member Kalman distributed drafts of a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement. A brief discussion ensued and the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION -----(ITEMS D–E)

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Committee Member Kalman presented the tag paragraph, attached as Attachment "E," that will be included in future press releases newspapers and/or on social media.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Mendelson requested each Committee Member send Lauren Eckert their telephone numbers and email addresses for purposes of an internal committee contact list.

Chair Mendelson requested Committee Member nameplates. General Manager Beebe reported there are available program funds for this purpose.

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – *Next meeting March 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.*

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Committee Member Kalman, seconded by Committee Member Redmond, and passed unanimously, the Community Benefit Committee Meeting of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Chair, Community Benefit Committee

ATTEST:

Secretary, Community Benefit Committee

Attachment A

Community Benefit Program Committee Meeting

Notes

January 23, 2023, 10:30 am

Present: Rosie Redmond, Elana Sterling, Lila Hargrove

I. CBP Contract "Grant" program application

- Paper versus Computer
Suggest Computer. FHD has great model. Drag and drop method of set up. Proven work. Mainstream process. Ability to upload. Can have a seminar for all nonprofits on how to apply. FHD willing to help. Not reinventing the process. Would be accessed through FPUD website.
 - Eligibility
Questions will be part of application process. Will "weed out" if not eligible. One page explanation of program to be able to hand out. Suggest including map area link on both paper and web explanation sheet.
 - Organization
Information Suggested to ask for Tax return for all applicants. If over a certain threshold, suggested asking for an asset sheet.
 - Program/Service for which funding is being asked.
Funding is not for events/programs/interns. Should include this language in explanation.
 - Funding amount
10k don't need multiple bids. 10K-60K (3) quotes required unless product or service is specialized. Over 60K more complicated. All must comply with rules. It should be stated that all must be procured in compliance with district. In regard to CEQA, a simple check list can be made and an exception filed at time project is funded.
- II. Reporting requirements *Suggested all reports due one year after funding. Nonprofits must follow up with documentation of how funding was spent. Suggest a committee to verify all documentation is included. Sufficient*

safeguards set up to show committee is spending funds appropriately and it can be easily audited.

- III. Solicitation Process *Announcement to be included in bill. Mass mailer. Website. Social Media. Newspaper. Direct contact with nonprofits.*

Additional Notes: Requested Brian come to talk to us about county project plans.

Attachment B

Community Benefit Program Committee Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023, 12:00 pm

Present: Rosie Redmond, Elana Sterling, Lila Hargrove

I. CBP Contract application

Updated

Add "funding" after oversee in goal.

1. To add word "located" in.

3. Removed word: "volunteer". Remove CS-81. ~~Remove CS-81 through~~ application.

5. Removed date.

6. Remove date, add one year from funding.

Add:

- Monthly Financial statement (asset sheet) as part of eligibility.*
- Attorney General Proof of eligibility*
- Secretary of State Proof of eligibility*

Move Community Benefit in between Brief description and proposed timeline on application.

II. Info sheet

Under what will foundation not fund? Remove activities done by volunteers.

III. Any other items

2. Discuss term usage. Can it only benefit FPUD residents or only done in the district but can benefit all?

3. Clarification of supplementing County, specifically calling out CS-81 or leaving generic as County of SD?

Follow-up: Is insurance required to name FPUD ?

Attachment C

Fallbrook Public Utility District Community Benefit Program Application guidelines

Mission & Purpose

The mission and purpose of the Community Benefit Program (CBP) is to Promote, coordinate and oversee funding for community projects in the FPUD District that benefit Fallbrook and its residents.

What it is: This new program will provide additional funding to help develop community projects within the district's service area. It includes potential funding for new projects and facilities, or for maintenance and community enhancements of parks and recreation, roads and streets, and street lighting.

How it will be implemented: A group of seven community volunteers will implement the program. This committee will include representatives from nonprofits, residents, and business owners. This group will work with the community to identify potential projects, lead the selection process, and coordinate implementation of the projects selected.

The funding range is from xxx-xxxx. The committee will evaluate all submittals. Priorities on allocation of funding will be based on the broadest community benefit.

Deadline for submitting/completing application is 00/00/0000

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Be a nonprofit organization, a school or government agency. CBP does not fund organizations or private entities.
- ❖ Provide recent tax return.
- ❖ Provide asset sheet if funding requested over \$60,000.
- ❖ Must be located in the FPUD service area. *see map on website
- ❖ Project must be completed within twelve months from funding date.
- ❖ Proof of expenditures due twelve months after funding.

What reporting is required?

All receipts, bank statements, credit card statements and proof of project completed.

What will foundation not fund?

- ❖ Events/activities
- ❖ Interns/Volunteer salaries or compensation
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Existing obligations/debit
- ❖ Any purposes prohibited by laws governing the use of public funds, including but not limited to, religious, political campaigning, or purely private purposes or activities.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

For program questions, please contact:

Website to view application:

Attachment D

Fallbrook Public Utility District Community Benefit Program Application for Community Benefit funding

Community Benefit Program's goal is to promote, coordinate and oversee community projects in FPUD's service area that benefit the district's residents.

Criteria:

1. Community project/activity located within FPUD's service area.
2. Must show how proposed project/activity will benefit FPUD's service area residents.
3. Funds may supplement County of San Diego (CSA No 81) or fund volunteer projects/activities by non-profit organizations (501c3).
4. List of expenditures and completion of project/activity within time frame set forth.
5. Application must be submitted to Community Benefit Program Committee by 00/00/0000.
6. Reconciliation form including all receipts, copies of canceled checks (front and back), proof of payments and/or copy of credit card activity will be due by 00/00/0000. (No cash payments or predated receipts/checks are allowed).
7. Project/activity to be completed within twelve months of approval date (unless an extension has been requested and granted).
8. Funds may NOT be spent on any item not part of the fund agreement, expenditures are only for purposes stated in the approved funding agreement.

Required documents (for application):

1. Form 990 - For nonprofits with gross receipts greater than \$50,000, please provide copy of pages 1-8 of the most recent IRS form 990 or pages 1-3 of 990EZ. For nonprofits with gross receipts of less than \$50,000, attach IRS form 990N e-postcard (not required for government/public agencies).
2. Attorney General proof of Nonprofit eligibility
3. Monthly financial statements or tax returns from year prior to application

What is the legal status of your organization?

Non-Profit Organization Governmental/Public Agency
Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN or EIN): _____ Organization Name: _____

Project/ Activity is within FPUD's service area Yes No

Organization:

Street Address _____	Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Street Address
Street Address _____	Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Proposal:

Total amount requested: _____ Other funding: _____

List other entities funding proposed project/activity:

Fallbrook Public Utility District
Community Benefit Program
Application for Community Benefit funding

Proposed Project(s)/Activity(ies) to be funded (in order of priority):

Project/Activity number one: _____ Amount requested: _____

Brief description of Project/Activity one:

How will project/activity one benefit the residents of FPUD?

Proposed timeline for project/activity one:

Proposed budget for project/activity one:

Project/Activity two: _____ Amount requested: _____

Brief description of Project/Activity two:

Fallbrook Public Utility District
Community Benefit Program
Application for Community Benefit funding

How will project/activity two benefit the residents of FPUD?

Proposed timeline for project/activity two:

Proposed budget for project/activity two:

Project/Activity three: _____ Amount requested: _____

Brief description of Project/Activity three:

How will project/activity three benefit the residents of FPUD?

Proposed timeline for project/activity three:

Fallbrook Public Utility District
Community Benefit Program
Application for Community Benefit funding

Proposed budget for project/activity three:

Contact Information:

Contact Person: (Individual must be knowledgeable of organization's projects/activities and application)

Name: _____ Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Fund administrator: (Individual that would be responsible for overseeing the expenditures. Must be different person than contact person)

Name: _____ Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Attachment E

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Proposed Mission and Vision Statements

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM
MISSION STATEMENT

The Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) Community Benefit Program recommends, promotes, coordinates, and oversees non-profit organizations' community projects related to parks, recreation facilities, roads and street lighting within FPUD's service area. The program intends to benefit Fallbrook residents by using unrestricted property tax revenue received by FPUD and allocated to the Community Benefit Program.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM
VISION STATEMENT

Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) Community Benefit Program identifies and solicits requests from FPUD's service area non-profit organizations to foster projects that enhance the quality of life for Fallbrook residents. The seven-member committee ensures that funded projects result from fair and equitable consideration of proposals sponsored by qualified organizations during the selection process.

Recommended change

MISSION STATEMENT

Fallbrook Public Utility District (FPUD) Community Benefit District program provides a private sector route for non-profit organizations to maintain Fallbrook infrastructure comprised of tree canopy and beautification, recreational facilities, roads and street lighting not provided by San Diego County to unincorporated communities, and enhance through developing new projects.

Fallbrook Public Utility District's subcommittee of 7 volunteer members are appointed to implement the program. They will evaluate requests fair and equitably from FPUD area non-profits organizations that foster projects to enhance the quality of life for all Fallbrook Residents and visitors. The FPUD Board of Directors will receive those recommendations. Funding uses San Diego County property tax rebates for the community project.

Proposed Committee Member Disclosure

Proposed Community Benefit Committee
Operating Guidelines

Fallbrook Public Utility District's Community Benefit Program
Operating Guidelines

Adopted _____, 2023

I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The Fallbrook Public Utility District's Community Benefit Program Committee (Committee), established by the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Board of Directors, operating pursuant to the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Administrative Code, including but not limited to Article 23, herein outlines its general operating guidelines that also govern, and are specific to, the Committee.

II. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. Regularly scheduled meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each month. In the event the second Monday of a month is a state or national holiday, that month's meeting shall be scheduled for the next business day.
- C. Scheduling of future meetings may be modified by a majority of the Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting if additional or less meetings are necessary. This may be necessary, but is not limited to, satisfying the quorum requirements for any regularly scheduled meeting.
- D. The Committee may create work groups of one to three Committee members to address specific matters of the Committee's business. Each work group shall report on its activity and make recommendations to the Committee during regularly scheduled meetings.

III. VOTING

- A. All decisions determining a selection of services and projects to be recommended to the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Board of Directors for approval shall require a roll call vote and at least four or more members stating favor for the selection and recommendation. However, if recusals reduce the number of Committee members participating in the selection of a particular service or project, a majority vote of those members present participating in the selection and recommendation is sufficient.
- B. Recusal
 - 1. If Committee members:
 - a. Serve on the Board of Directors of an organization whose project is under consideration, Committee members shall recuse themselves and leave the room during discussion of the project. (See Fallbrook Public Utility District Administrative Code, Section 23.5.2, ¶¶ 3, 5.)

- b. Serve as a director or an officer, or are current members, of an organization whose project is under consideration, Committee members shall recuse themselves and leave the room during discussion of the project.
 - c. Have previously served as a director or officer of an organization whose project is under consideration, Committee members may recuse themselves and leave the room during the discussion of the project.
 - d. Have been members of an organization whose project is under consideration or has any other personal or professional connection to an organization whose project is under consideration, the Committee members may recuse themselves and leave the room during discussion of the project. However, if the Committee members' prior involvement with any organization creates an appearance of conflict between the Committee members' official status on the Committee and the Committee members' affiliation with the organization, then Committee members shall recuse themselves and leave the room during the discussion of the project.
2. Once any Committee member has recused themselves from the discussion about a particular project, the Committee member shall continue to be recused from participating in any way in the discussion or Committee action regarding that project.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. If the position of the Chair becomes vacant, the Vice Chair shall assume the office for not more than sixty days, by which time a new Chair shall be elected by the Committee members. The other officers, Vice Chair and/or Secretary, if vacant, shall be filled by appointment by the Chair.
- B. A Committee member may refer any comments, questions, or other communications received outside of a regularly scheduled meeting from a member of the public to the Chair. A Committee member may provide a copy of the agenda to any requesting person or refer a person to the Fallbrook Public Utility District website to obtain the Committee's publications.
- C. A Committee member may receive input from the public on a published agenda item. A Committee member must remain impartial on each agenda item until the agenda item is heard fully at a meeting.
- D. Official business of the Committee shall be made via social media communications and/or other press releases, and public announcements shall be made or authorized only by the Chair. Individual Committee members shall not make any public comments about the Committee's business unless the specific action is directed by the Chair.

Proposed Tag Paragraph

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Proposed Press Release

For Immediate Release

For More Information, Contact:
Jerry Kalman, Community Benefit Committee
kalman4fallbrook@gmail.com
(760) 468-4689

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM UNVEILS FUNDING REQUEST PROCEDURES

FALLBROOK, Calif., March 6, 2023 --- Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) new Community Benefit Program committee approved procedures for members of the community to request funds for projects supporting special projects in the area, Jim Mendelson, chairman of the committee, announced.

According to Mendelson, once the procedures are approved by the FPUD board of directors, appropriate forms and the process for submitting them will be available at a special publicly available web page (<https://www.fpud.com/community-benefit-program>).

Lila Hargrove, chair of the working group that developed the form and procedures, said the committee focuses on projects in the FPUD service area. She added that for a proposed project to be considered, the request must come from qualified non-profit organizations.

"While we encourage public participation and attendance at monthly meetings here at the FPUD facilities, we require formal requests come from and be sponsored by tax-exempt organizations," Hargrove said. "The initial focus will be on opportunities to improve local parks and recreation facilities, roads and streets and street lighting."

Mendelson added that citizens and business owners are welcome to attend meetings at any time and request the committee consider specific projects, but formal consideration needs to be vetted by one of the several non-profit organizations in the area.

At the March 13, 2023, meeting, the committee also ...

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