

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

MINUTES

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

**FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
990 E. MISSION RD., FALLBROOK, CA 92028
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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, via teleconference location pursuant to
Government Code Section 54954
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 four members of the public attending personally and remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Redman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER Government Code § 54954.2(b) - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Committee Member Kalman moved to approve the agenda, as published; Committee Vice Chair Sterling seconded. A roll call vote commenced and the 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.

A written statement was submitted to the FPUD CBP on April 9, 2023, from Mr. Luther Ballou, who was not present for the Committee meeting. Chair Mendelson read the written statement aloud. Mr. Ballou seeks a reversal of the allocated funds. A copy of the statement is attached hereto as Attachment "A."

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

A. MARCH 13, 2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to approve the March 13, 2023 FPUD CBP Committee Meeting minutes, as presented; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A roll call vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

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

III. WORKGROUP REPORTS (ITEMS B-C)

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION WORKGROUP

1. Mission and Vision Statements

Workgroup Chair Marchand led a discussion of the proposed Mission and Vision Statements and explained the current proposal includes revisions suggested during the March 2023 regular meeting. She also suggested further changes could be made to version 3.5 (See Agenda Package at page 19) to include consideration of the *Mission Statement Recommendation From Committee Member* included at page 21 of the meeting agenda package. Specifically,

Workgroup Chair Marchand proposed the following sentence be added to the Vision Statement:

The committee will ensure proper use of funds and validate the completion of approved projects.

Further discussion addressed FUPD CBP's oversight of projects.

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to approve the FUPD CBP Mission Statement as presented and the Vision Statement, as presented with the additional sentence set forth above; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded the motion. A roll call vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

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

The approved Mission Statement and Vision Statement are attached hereto as Attachment B.

2. Proposed Community Benefit Program Committee Operating Guidelines

This item was tabled. The document, attached at pages 23-24 of the agenda package, was not a complete document intended for publication to the committee. An updated draft will be provided for consideration.

C. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

1. Draft Community Benefit Program Application

Workgroup Chair Hargrove presented the draft application explaining that the application will be available online. Discussion ensued about the proposed draft. Discussion centered on the addition of the approved Mission and Vision Statements, a grammatical edit, a revision broadening language so that limitations did not preclude organizations on basis of incorporation status from applying for funding and that the term, activity, be removed from the document.

MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to approve the FUPD CBP Program Application as presented with the discussed revisions; Committee Member Redmond seconded the motion. A roll call vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

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

2. Application Guidelines

Workgroup Chair Hargrove presented the draft application guidelines. Discussion resulted in agreement that the Mission and Vision Statements can replace a portion of the language at the beginning of the document. Discussion ensued about the methods to communicate the management of individual project proposals. Marketing and social media will likely be a means explaining that funding will be provided to qualifying organizations. The topic was tabled.

3. CBP Grant Agreement

Discussion ensued about the method for recourse in the event an award of funding is not properly utilized by a qualifying organization. General Manager Bebee explained additional language is being drafted to address this issue. Further suggestions included the title of the document reference funding instead of Grant and that the FPUD CBP be mentioned as a matter of explaining the Committee's role in the process. The document will undergo further revision.

4. Scoring Rubric

This item was tabled. The document, attached at page 39 of the agenda package, was not a complete document intended for publication to the committee. An updated draft will be provided for consideration.

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

D. PUBLIC OUTREACH – No Report

E. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos inquired about responding to public comments. General Manager Bebee explained that he had responded to Mr. Ballou and could provide the Committee with further details of the communications. The Committee discussed the matter and resolved that a sufficient response had been made at this time.

Committee Chair Mendelson requested that all proposed items to be included in the agenda package be delivered to him and Committee Vice Chair Sterling on or before two Fridays prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. For example, items to be included in the May agenda package should be delivered to the Chair and Vice Chair on or before April 28, 2023.

General Manager Bebee announced he will not be present at the May 8, 2023 regular meeting because of other necessary business-related scheduling.

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – *Next meeting May 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.*

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Committee Member Redmond, seconded by Committee Member Hargrove and passed unanimously, the Community Benefit Committee Meeting of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

ATTEST:


Secretary, Community Benefit Committee


Chair, Community Benefit Committee

Subject: CBPC Meeting of 10 April 2023

Date: Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 6:53:07 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Lou Ballou

To: Lauren Eckert

CC: Lou Ballou, Justin Ballou, Bryan Whiting

Please assure that the CBPC receive the following for their review and inclusion of their meeting notes. I also request that you provide a copy to the FPUD Board of directors.

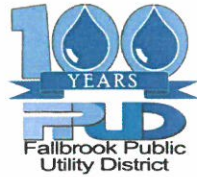
FPUD Meet5ing of the Community Program Committee

Meeting Monday 10 April 2023

Committee members:

Please be advised that I am seeking reversal of the district allocated funds supporting your community efforts. These funds are being diverted by FPUD, with LAFCO approval, from my property tax bill, line item – Fallbrook Water Charge. - which I believe is taken to support FPUD and the **water** ratepayers . Effectively, assuming 4000 water meter accounts, this diversion increases my meter charges by \$136 per year per water meter account. Putting it bluntly, this is a travesty to support a group of people that are too lazy to seek donations from the public! If the public wants your project(s), they will support them with donations when properly presented and if desired by the residents. Follow the efforts of our local churches in seeking donations via charity events, or the Fallbrook High students seeking donations at tables in front of our local markets There is also the “go fund me” option. I have communicated similar to FPUD Board of directors and written directly to Jack Bebee, FPUD general manager.

Luther Ballou --39 year resident of Fallbrook



Attachment B

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Fallbrook Public Utility District's (FPUD) Community Benefit Program recommends, promotes, coordinates, and oversees funding of non-profit and qualified 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, solicits and evaluates requests from FPUD's service area non-profit organizations to foster projects that enhance the quality of life for Fallbrook residents. An FPUD Board appointed seven-member committee ensures that funded projects result from fair and equitable consideration of proposals sponsored by qualified organizations during the selection process. The committee will ensure proper use of funds and validate the completion of approved projects.