



SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

CITY OF SAFFORD ANNEX BUILDING
808 SOUTH 8TH AVENUE, SAFFORD, ARIZONA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022
5:30 PM

In accordance with Section 2.04.120 of the Municipal Code of the City of Safford, and Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.01 et seq., and §38-431.02 et seq., NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the general public that the Small Business Support Program Committee was held.

MINUTE RECORD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Crispin Coronado, Jacque Attaway, Jaime Embick, Planning & Community Development Director, Kym Gifford (recused self from voting on application submission)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: John Cassella, City Manager

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Surber, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Kym Gifford, Lin Gifford

- WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:**
- MINUTES:** It was moved by Kym Gifford, seconded by Jacque Attaway and carried unanimously to approve minutes from the October 5, 2021 Small Business Support Program Meeting.
MOTION ADOPTED
- APPLICATION REVIEW:** The Planning and Community Development Department is in receipt of an application from The Venue on Main requesting funding from the Small Business Support Program to create a bride's room and storage closet upstairs. The request is for the building fee waiver and 50% of the construction cost.

Kym & Lin Gifford: Wanting to expand what is already there. It is a beautiful building on Main Street and can be a destination for downtown Safford for weddings, parties, benefits, etc. It will also support Safford's small businesses who can bring their services into The Venue on Main. We are adding a bride's room which is right now just a small closet. We also are adding some storage and electrical upstairs. In future we would like to have items to rent for events like food warmers, decorations, etc. We will never have a kitchen or do any food service. Food can be brought in though for an event. Also working on a website for The Venue on Main and would

like to add local small businesses and will benefit the Gila Valley. We will be hiring an events coordinator. We already have 30 events booked up until the month of April. Upstairs will have a conference/banquet area.

Jacque Attaway: It is an asset to the downtown and fits within the guideline.

It was moved by Jacque Attaway, seconded by Jaime Embick and carried unanimously by Crispin Coronado and John Cassella (voted before meeting) to approve the application for the amount requested.

MOTION ADOPTED

6. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** TBD

7. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Jaime Embick, seconded by Jacque Attaway and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

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