

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Meeting Location of Town appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2009

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:

EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Debra Galbraith
Town Manager

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$0.00

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$0.00

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$0.00


EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move that all Town appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees shall utilize the Town Council Chambers as their regular venue for public meetings.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

Currently there are several different meeting locations for various appointed groups under the Council's purview. Some departments are responsible for providing staff support for more than one Board, Commission or Committee, which currently meet in separate locations. It has been proposed that all of these groups could utilize the Town Council Chambers as their primary meeting location.

PROS: Provides one common, open, non-intimidating location for the general public. Would reduce any public perception that decisions are made "in a backroom" or "behind closed doors". Lends itself to more orderly proceedings, where each member of a group can signal the chair that they wish to be recognized. Might allow certain functions to be carried out by more than one staff person (ie minutes). Provides uniform recording (audio/video) of all meetings, and other presentations using Chamber equipment.

CONS: May be less convenient for staff of certain departments not located on the same property as Town Hall. (Fire, Parks)

PUBLIC INPUT (if any):

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

FUNDING:

Acct:	Budget:	Available:	Expense:	Remaining:
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BA: _____ Date: _____

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