

# ***COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST***

SUBJECT: Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2009

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:      EX    ISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Bethany Beck,  
Grants Coordinator and Housing Program Mgr.

AMOUNT BUDGETED: 0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA  
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: 0

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: 0

  
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EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Exhibit A Paint-a-thon FAQs

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## **POSSIBLE ACTION:**

I move to authorize the Housing Advisory Commission to coordinate local participation in the Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon, to be held Oct. 24, 2009.

## **SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

The Paint-a-Thon is a community-based effort sponsored by the non-profit Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun. The program is designed to paint the homes of people with limited financial resources who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability. Rebuilding Together furnishes all of the paint and painting supplies but relies on volunteers to manage logistics and do the work. Rebuilding Together also provides T-shirts and insurance for the volunteers.

The Housing Advisory Commission is willing to initiate and coordinate this project in Payson. The Commissioners intend to recruit volunteers from local citizens, businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups. Volunteers will be organized into teams of 15-25 people, with one person designated as the team leader.

Each team of volunteers will be assigned to scrape and paint one house. Volunteers visit the home site up to two weeks prior to the paint day to do any necessary prep work but all painting will take place on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Teams start working between 7 and 8 a.m. and complete the home(s) in a single day. The number of teams/homes will depend on the availability of volunteers.

The Paint-a-thon project aligns with several components identified in the Commissions one-year work plan, as outlined in Items 1 and 6 in "Community-based Programs" on pages 58 and 59 in the May 2009 Payson Housing Study and Strategy.

**PROS:** One or more elderly, disabled and income-qualified homeowners will have their home painted at no cost, which will contribute to the maintenance of existing affordable housing and will also improve the town's appearance.

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**CONS:** None.

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):** On August 27, 2009 the Housing Advisory Commission voted to participate in the 2009 Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon, contingent upon Council approval.

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**FUNDING:**

Account Number:	Title:	Amount: \$
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		Total Cost: \$

CFO: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Q&A

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### **What is a Paint-A-Thon?**

A Paint-a-Thon is a community-based effort designed to paint the homes of homeowners with limited financial resources who are 60 years of age or older and/or have a permanent disability, and are unable to do the work themselves. The paint project utilizes the support of many community organizations and most importantly, the time and effort contributed by many kind-hearted volunteers.

### **Where? And when?**

This year's Paint-a-Thon will be Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The project covers the entire State. We attempt to give the volunteer groups geographic areas from which to choose their home, so as to make the project as convenient as possible. Preparation on the homes can be done up to three weeks prior to the paint day.

### **Who qualifies for a home painting?**

Homeowners of single family residences who are financially disadvantaged and who are physically unable to paint the home themselves may apply. At this time, we can not consider attached townhouses or condominiums, but we will consider mobile homes with wood or metal siding (no vinyl). These days, the average cost to paint a home is \$4,000. Such a cost is out of the question for our selected homeowners. The homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. If the home is in need of repairs beyond an exterior paint job, the homeowner may apply for our Rebuilding Day program. Any physically able-bodied adults living in the home are expected to help alongside our volunteers.

### **Who can volunteer?**

Teams of volunteers are recruited from families, businesses, churches, schools, social service and civic groups. The Paint-a-Thon management works with team leaders to develop self-sufficient teams that will perform quality work while experiencing personal satisfaction and enjoyment. All volunteers must be at least 14-years old and those under 18 must have a signed parental permission form. Ideally, each team should consist of 15-25 volunteers. Individual volunteers are needed to help run the program, deliver extra supplies, take pictures, etc. and are encouraged to call the office.

### **What happens at a Paint-a-Thon?**

Once houses have been identified, inspected and the residents qualified, a team of volunteers will be assigned to scrape and paint each house. This includes a team leader and up to 25 volunteers per house. Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> has been designated for painting and all the houses are done on the same day. In most cases, volunteers visit the homesite up to two weeks prior to the paint day to do any prep work (scraping, peeling paint, caulking, spot priming and trimming any plants). On October 24<sup>th</sup>, teams start painting between 7 and 8 a.m. and complete the home in a single day. If for any reason the home is not completely finished on the designated paint day, the team leader is responsible for organizing volunteers from his/her team to complete this project ASAP.

### **What is provided for the volunteer teams?**

Rebuilding Together provides the paint for the home, limited paint supplies and recommendations for additional items that volunteers may find useful. We provide t-shirts for each team (up to 25) and our volunteers are insured. We *do not* provide food or beverages for the volunteer teams.

### **How is financial support provided?**

Community partners are recruited from corporations, businesses, social service agencies, media, civic groups and municipalities to provide in-kind, financial and personnel support. Paint is provided through donations from paint manufacturers. Rebuilding Together will supply all of the exterior paint and the paint supply boxes. A number of organizations have generously funded the initial event expenses and the balance of the necessary funds will come from participation in a variety of sponsorship opportunities.

### **Why join a Paint-a-Thon?**

In many ways, a Paint-a-Thon is like an old-fashioned barn raising. The spirit is the same: neighbors helping neighbors and people working together to enhance their community. Through in-kind donations and considerable volunteer support, the costs and administrative needs are kept to a minimum. The end result is that the lives of the homeowners, volunteers and supports have been enriched by this wonderful act of generosity, and the community's appearance is vastly improved.

### **Any questions?**

To volunteer or for additional information, please visit the Rebuilding Together website: [www.rebuildingtogetherphx.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherphx.org) or give the office a call: 480.774.0237.