

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM #: Discussion D 2

DATE: April 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Shindig Logging Show – Spar Poles

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

ISSUE:

The issue before the Council is the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce request for the City to donate two spar pole trees from the City Watershed for the Logging Show.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Sultan Summer Shindig will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The dates for the event are July 11th, 12th and 13th. The event has been a 25 year partnership with the City, the Chamber and the community. Part of the annual Shindig event is the Logging Show.

There are two spar poles located in Riverfront Park that are used for events during the Logging Show. The poles need to be replaced every seven years and in the past the City has donated trees from the watershed. The spar pole trees need to be replaced this year. The City and the Sky Valley Chamber will need to work together to identify, harvest, transport and install the new poles in accordance with City and State requirements. They have commercial loggers available to do the work and have insurance coverage.

A representative from the Sky Valley Chamber will be present to answer questions.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) Authorize staff to work with the Sky Valley Chamber to donate the spar pole trees and direct staff to work with the Sky Valley Chamber to safely remove and install the spar poles.
- 2) Do not approve the donation and recommend that the Sky Valley Chamber find spar poles from another source.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City approve the donation of the spar pole trees and further recommends that City staff be directed to work with the Sky Valley Chamber to safely remove and install the spar poles.

Attachments: A) Letter from Sky Valley Chamber



SKY VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND
VISITORS CENTER

April 16, 2008

Request for two new spar poles

Dear Mayor & Council members,

The Sultan Summer Shindig is celebrating its 25th Anniversary! We're also celebrating 25 years of partnering with the City of Sultan. Shindig is a great example of how we have pooled our resources to promote our city. We are getting geared up to start a new promotional project. We're going to be starting a logger's class for novices. We will be starting with axe throwing and spar pole climbing. We already have qualified teachers, equipment and have contacted our insurance carrier about our plans. It's a very unique and exciting opportunity to promote the culture and history of Sultan. These classes will be held one to two time per month for the entire summer and fall tourist season.

We are preparing to install two new spar poles. The need to be replaced every seven years. The City of Sultan contributes the spar poles from the water shed. The Chamber is responsible for identifying, harvesting, transporting and installing the new poles. This is an important aspect of keeping our contest safe for both contestants and spectators. The old poles will be recycled by the contest and used as prop logs for the other events.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Sultan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Copple".

Debbie Copple
Director