

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: D-1

DATE: September 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Sultan Champion Sign

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ISSUE:

The issue before the Council is to discuss setting a policy regarding the Sultan Champion sign that is located on US 2 honoring Sultan State Champions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review the recommendation from the City/School/Fire Committee and provide direction to staff.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Sultan High School State Athletic Champions. Use the existing Sultan Champion sign located on US 2 across from the post office to recognize high school sports teams and individuals who earn state championships in athletics.
 - The school board would make recommendations to place shingles on the Sultan Champion sign.
 - The School District would purchase shingles for the sign recognizing Sultan High School state level athletic achievements.

2. Athletic, Academic, Artistic and other Fields of Study. Co-sponsor a second sign with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sultan School District to recognize teams or individuals, under the age of 18, who earn state championships in athletic, academic, artistic or other fields of study.
 - The City/School/Fire Committee would review applications and make recommendations to City Council.
 - The individual or team awarded recognition would pay for the shingle for the sign.

SUMMARY:

In 2002 the City started recognizing Sultan's state champions by purchasing the original sign and shingle/placard. Past participants that have received recognition are:

- 2002 Girls Soccer
- 2003 Wrestling – academic
- 2003 Girls 400m Relay Team
- 2005 Alyson Rehm – AQHA Youth World Champion Barrel Racer

As time went on the City has received requests to purchase additional shingles. Most recently, the City Council received a request from the Sky River Phoenix Girls U14 team to purchase and place a shingle on the Champion sign recognizing them as 2008 state champions. The majority of the team members are Sultan School District students. The team is willing to pay for the shingle.

The City Council directed staff to work with the City/School/Fire Committee to develop a policy for reviewing requests from sports teams and individuals to add their name to the Sultan champion sign.

Original Committee Proposal

The City/School/Fire Committee discussed policies for placing shingles on the Sultan Champion sign on June 25, 2009. The committee recommended using the sign to recognize athletic and academic achievements at the state and national level.

Access to the sign would be restricted to Individuals or teams, under 18 years old, who are residents of the Sultan School District or where the majority of players reside within the school district.

The school district, individual or team would be responsible for the purchase of the shingle. A hardship assistance cost share with the school, team, or individual would be reviewed on a case by case basis by the City/School/Fire Committee at time of original application.

The City Council reviewed the proposed policy on July 23, 2009. Councilmember Champeaux noted the original intent of the sign was to only recognize high school athletic state champions.

The council discussed recognizing youth sports teams not associated with the school district and academic achievements. The council directed staff to return the policy to the City/School/Fire Committee for further considerations.

Revised Proposal

The City/School/Fire Committee met on August 27, 2009 reviewed the council's comments. Members of the City/School/Fire Committee believe it is important for the

Sultan community to recognize the achievements of young people regardless of the field of study or interest for the following reasons:

- To further motivate youth to excel, take risks, and develop new skills and abilities.
- To support the efforts of young people as they engage in individualized learning, group activities, and peer competition.
- To provide balance to the evaluation which young people receive as they move to increasingly difficult challenges.

The committee recommends forming a community partnership to purchase a second state champion sign in order to inspire and motivate young people to continue participating and learning in all athletic, academic and artistic fields of study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost to construct and install the sign is approximately \$750.00. Under the proposed policy the cost of the champion sign would be shared between several community partners.

Once approved, the individual shingles would be purchased by the school district, sports team, or individual.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative 1: Have one champion sign. Allow individuals and teams to apply and pay all or a portion of the cost of the shingle after the City/School/Fire Committee reviews and makes a recommendation to City Council

Alternative 2: Co-sponsor a second sign. Keep the current sign for high school champions and provide the second sign for other athletic, academic or artistic champions. Direct requests to recognize high school champions to the school district for review. Direct other requests to the City/School/Fire Committee for review.

Alternative 3: Do nothing and have teams and individuals petition the Council with the City paying for the shingle and installing it, this is current practice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review the recommendation from the City/School/Fire Committee and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: City/School/Fire Committee Agenda June 25, 3009

City/School/Fire Committee

Meeting Agenda Thursday, June 25, 2009 @ 4:00pm

This is to discuss the Sultan Champion Sign on US2.

Past participants that have received recognition are:

- 2002 Girls Soccer
- 2003 Wrestling - Academic
- 2003 Girls 400m Relay Team
- 2005 Alyson Rehm
 - o AQHA Youth World Champion Barrel Racer



Following are issues needing discussion:

1. Who should be able to be included on the sign? We need to set this criteria.
 - a. Sultan School District students K – 12?
 - b. All Valley residents?
 - c. Maximum age for a person or team on the sign.
 - d. Can individuals be included or just team?
2. Should there be an application for all to fill out?
3. Who can apply?
4. How often should the award be given?
 - a. One per year, one per quarter, twice per year?
5. Who should be paying for each sign? Right now the City is taking on all costs. There needs to be a shared cost between one or more of the following?
 - a. Sultan School District
 - b. Individual
 - c. City of Sultan
 - d. Team
 - e. Sultan Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Other businesses in Sultan