



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **2010 SPIRIT OF CLARKDALE AWARD NOMINATIONS -**
Discussion and consideration of the review committee recommendations
to Council on the 2010 “Spirit of Clarkdale” nominations.

Staff Contact: Margie Hardie, Community Services Department

Meeting Date: June 8, 2010

Background: The Council approved the “Spirit of Clarkdale Award” on April 10, 2007
by Resolution # 1224. Spirit of Clarkdale awards program provides a way for the Clarkdale
Town Council to recognize Clarkdale home, business owners, residents, organizations or other
individuals that have taken steps in the community that are worthy of recognition. Awards are
made by the Council from nominations that have been reviewed by the Spirit of Clarkdale
Review Committee. Anyone may nominate Clarkdale property owners, business owners or other
individuals they feel deserve recognition for projects or actions that enhance the “Sprit of
Clarkdale.”

The Nomination Review Committee members this year were; Curt Bohall, Councilmember,
Richard Dehnert, Councilmember and Sherry Bailey, Community Development Director. The
committee met on May 26, 2010, to review all the applications (list of applicants is attached) and
is submitting that list of nominations to the Council with its recommendations.

Award winners will be invited to attend and receive their Spirit of Clarkdale Award Certificate at
the Town of Clarkdale’s annual Fourth of July celebration in the park.

Recommendation: The Council is requested to make the final decision on the nominations
and advise staff.

**Spirit of Clarkdale 2010
Review Committee Nominations**

The following individuals and organizations are recommended by the Spirit of Clarkdale Committee to receive a Spirit of Clarkdale Award.

Award Category- Property Beautification

Nominee: Edith Lindner, Clarkdale Resident

The Lindner home has been upgraded through extensive property maintenance, placement of drought resistant plants, and the addition of a traditional wrought iron fence.

Award Category - Neighborhood Programs/Events/Projects

Nominee: Clarkdale Fire District

The Clarkdale Fire District has been instrumental in achieving successful and safe Town events. They have participated in all our major events, including the 4th of July Celebration, Halloween, Santa visits Clarkdale and Cities and Town Week. Their professionalism and expertise helped ensure that these events were fun and safe for the community.

Nominee: Verde Valley Ambulance, Cottonwood

Verde Valley Ambulance has participated and supported special events in Clarkdale including the 4th of July Celebration, Halloween and Cities and Town Week. They have provided an ambulance and emergency personnel to the town in order to ensure a safe and fun community event.

Nominee: Robyn Prud'homme Bauer, Clarkdale Resident

Ms. Bauer has enhanced the quality of life in Clarkdale by bringing the Bountiful Baskets Cooperative Food Program to the Town of Clarkdale residents. This program supplies exceptional fruits and vegetables at a very low cost.

Award Category – Community Volunteerism

Nominee: Nick Hunseder, Clarkdale Resident

Mr. Hunseder generously volunteered his time and expertise in the field of web design to the Town. He was asked to create a website for the Clarkdale Sustainability Park. He did so and then

proceeded to tutor staff in the development of the site. His initial design was instrumental in this project and the enthusiasm that he brought to this project propelled it forward so that there is now a CSP web site.

Nominee: Jim Elmer, Clarkdale Resident

Mr. Elmer is has been nominated for his participation in a variety of volunteer efforts. He has been a key member of the Clarkdale Cancer Kickers for many years and this year once again, he was the backbone of the event, supplying tents, doing the set up, giving tirelessly throughout the year to make this a very successful event. He has worked with the students of Mingus Union High School, helping to organize the High School Hot Rod Club. He has mentored students, helping them to learn to work together, raising funds for their club. Mr. Elmer is also the Chairman of the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors.

Nominee: Paul Green, Cottonwood Resident

Mr. Green has been a part of many organizations which have benefited residents of Clarkdale. He has volunteered for the Clarkdale Concerts in the Park through the Lions Club, Clarkdale Cancer Kickers, St. Vincent De Paul which provides food and help with utilities to Clarkdale residents and he has joined the community effort to maintain areas of SR 89A. Through his efforts he has contributed to improving the quality of life in Clarkdale.

Nominee: Locy Rogers, Clarkdale Resident

Mr. Rogers has been a tireless volunteer, helping residents and sharing his time in maintaining town facilities. Residents are grateful for his help with snake removal, yard cleaning, removal of beehives and help with dangerous hornet nests. Many people have benefited from his kindness. Currently Mr. Rogers has been doing maintenance on the Valley View Cemetery. He has filled a need for the town in doing this work.

Nominee: Uribe Family, Clarkdale Residents

Over the years and up to the present, the Uribe family have been an integral part of the children's 4th of July parade. The family has provided a water station on the parade route which has been invaluable in making the parade a safe and fun event for the whole community.

Nominee: Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Clarkdale

At the 2009 Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration, 25 members of the Vineyard Fellowship contributed their time, energy and enthusiasm to make this event a great success. They took on both organizational and hands on tasks that were previously done by the Town Crew. They filled the gap with set-up and take-down of the event. They also volunteered at the Santa in Clarkdale event with participation by 8 members of the Fellowship. Once again, they made this a wonderful event for the children and whole community.

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Nominations not approved by the Spirit of Clarkdale Committee

Lisa Hancock was nominated for Property Beautification/Historical Preservation of her home. The Committee felt that this property has been improved over the past year but the project is not complete.