City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **April 22, 2013**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 5

From: Jim Cox, Interim City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding sponsorship of the Benson High School Project Graduation Class of 2013 Committee to be held at the school on May 24, 2013, to include possible donation of funds

Discussion:

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor King. The Project Graduation Committee is seeking support for this "Grad Night" to provide a safe, fun, substance free all-night celebration for graduating seniors and their guest.

In 2009, Council provided a $1,000 donation to help support this graduation function.

Staff Recommendation:

Financial assistance at Council pleasure

Benson High School Project Graduation

3273 W. Yavapai Pl.
Benson, AZ 85602
Tax ID # 46-2312904

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To whom it may concern:

Plans for Project Graduation for the Benson High School Class of 2013 are well underway and the committee is requesting your support. Project Graduation is fully sponsored by parents of the graduating seniors and is supported solely by the fundraising efforts of the group. All contributions will be used to provide a safe, drug and alcohol-free celebration for our graduating seniors on graduation night. Statistics show that graduation night is one of the most dangerous of the year for teens.

The Project Graduation concept was adopted following a nationwide trend of providing a safe, but enticing place for high school seniors to celebrate their graduation. Our celebration will last all night and will provide seniors and their guest with a free and fully chaperoned place to celebrate. With donations received from contributors like you, we hope to provide enough food, entertainment and prizes, including cash prizes, to keep seniors at the party all night. **All donations are tax deductible Tax ID # 46-2312904.** Our graduation party will be held, Friday, May 24, 2013. We expect to have 79 graduating seniors. Donations of cash, food, or items that could be used for prizes are needed and welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated contributions toward what has proven to be a very successful and safe way of celebrating graduation for our students. If you would like more information on this project, please feel free to contact the coordinator below. Cash donations should be made payable to "Benson HS Project Graduation". All donations may be mailed to:

BENSON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION
c/o Deann Elsmore
3273 W. Yavapai Pl.
Benson, AZ 85602

Gratefully yours,

The Benson High School Project Graduation Committee

Deann Elsmore, coordinator/event planner
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