



## **Rules of Decorum Citizen Participation**

*In an effort to preserve civil, respectful and courteous discourse and behavior and maintain a positive environment for citizen input and Council decision-making, we ask that the following Rules of Decorum be followed:*

**Each speaker will have one opportunity of 3 minutes to deliver comments.**

**SPEAKER** must:

- Sign up to address the Council (see attached Public Input Form)
- Speak only to the matter for which they signed up and, in case of public hearings, those matters which have been advertised and placed on the council meeting agenda.
- State their name and address before speaking.
- Address the Council, not the audience.
- Conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner at all times.
- Make an effort to speak in a brief and clear manner.
- Refrain from the use of obscene language, “fighting words” likely to incite violence from the individual(s) to whom the words are addressed, or other language which is disruptive to the orderly and fair progress of discussion at the meeting.
- Refrain from name calling
- Refrain from shouting, yelling or screaming
- Refrain from making comments of a personal nature regarding others. Speakers may offer objective criticism of PARD operations and programs, but the Board will not hear complaints about individual personnel or other persons at a public session.

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**ATTENDEES** will refrain from commenting, shouting, booing, clapping, stomping feet or other inappropriate and/or disruptive behavior. Brief clapping is permissible at the end of a speaker’s comments.

**ATTENDEES** should refrain from private conversation during the meetings.

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*THANK YOU!*