



Where Life is Sweet

Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of January 13, 2025

Title/Subject

Hermiston Civic Leadership Academy Topic/Question

Summary and Background

2024 was the inaugural year for the Hermiston Civic Leadership Academy. The Academy's goal is to develop community leaders generally throughout the community and hopefully many of those have an interest in direct leadership roles within the City's committee structure and even the city council at some time in the future.

This program was developed by staff at Portland State University (PSU) and partially funded by the Ford Family Foundation. Both of those agreements were for two years. We are beginning preparations for the next session and want to determine the topic of the question that the group will work on. The 2024 topic was on increasing engagement with the City. City staff has discussed the following three possibilities for topics:

- Process for a community discussion around the future use of the Carnegie Building
- Enhancements to our current volunteering system
- Considerations for some type of neighborhood watch program

Tie-In to Council Goals

N/A

Fiscal Information

Partially funded by a grant from the Ford Family Foundation.

Alternatives and Recommendation

My recommendation is to develop the community discussion process around the future use of the Carnegie Building.

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