

**Youth Activities Board Meeting
City Hall Conference Room #224**

April 17, 2024

5:00 p.m.

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❖ **Meeting Minutes**

- I. **Roll Call-** Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Chair Mr. Rutecki.
Member Present: Tom Rutecki, Bonita Nelson, Jack Lovejoy, Samantha Schwarting, Josh Anderson, Liz Balstad, Misuri Smyth.
Members Absent: Phil Heubschen.
Staff Present: Dave Pusich; Recreation Supervisor/Staff Liaison, Amanda Lovejoy; Recreation Coordinator ZGYC and Lauren Verrelli; P&R Deputy Director
 - II. **Approval of Agenda-** Ms. Balstad moves to approve agenda. No objection. Agenda approved.
 - III. **Public Comments on non-agenda items-** None
 - IV. **Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2024 –** Mr. Anderson moves to approve the minutes. No Objection. Minutes approved.
 - V. **New Business**
 - a. **Lauren Verrell - YAB transitioning from Areawide Rec to Zach Gordon Youth Center.** Ms. Verrelli stated the YAB will transition over to Zach this summer and their new Admin being hired along with Ms. Lovejoy will be staff liaisons for the YAB now. Mr. Pusich can still answer questions that arise since he has that wealth of knowledge managing the program successfully for so many years. Mr. Pusich will help with the transition with movement of YAB to ZGYC. Ms. Nigro, the ZGYC Manager, will attend the next YAB mtg. as part of this transition.
 - b. **YAG FY24 funding recommendations – (Academics, Arts, and Sports) –** Board members were tasked to come up with their own allocation for their specific group to give the YAB a starting point to work with for final funding
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recommendations for funding meeting. The YAB had \$315, 875 total to award to the 24 different organizations. After each group's recommendations for funding, there ended up being only \$70.00 over budget to adjust.

Academic – Presented by Bonita Nelson

- AWARE, Inc: requested **\$8,090**; recommended **\$5,190**.
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters: requested **\$11,480**; recommended **\$11,480**.
- Discovery Southeast: requested **\$16,910**; recommended **\$12,530**.
- SAIL: requested **\$13,000**; recommended **\$13,000**.
- Girl Scouts of Alaska: requested **\$15,400**; recommended **\$4,850**.
- Resurrection Lutheran Church: requested **\$10,000**; recommended **\$5,750**.

Arts – Presented by Liz Balstad.

- Juneau Dance Theatre: requested **\$18,200**; recommended **\$18,200**.
- Juneau Jazz & Classics: requested **\$19,400**; recommended **\$14,550**.
- Friend of Alaska State Museum: requested **\$3,332**; recommended **\$2,382**.
- Juneau Symphony: requested **\$15,225**; recommended **\$9,025**.
- Perseverance Theatre: requested **\$25,000**; recommended **\$5,000**.

Sports – Presented by Josh Anderson.

- Glacier Swim Club: requested **\$16,500**; recommended **\$15,000**.
 - Juneau Youth Football League: requested **\$31,500**; recommended **\$26,000**.
 - Juneau Soccer Club: requested **\$35,000**; recommended **\$26,000**.
 - Gastineau Channel Little League: requested **\$42,000**; recommended **\$34,000**.
 - Midnight Suns Baseball: requested **\$41,000**; recommended **\$25,000**.
 - HoopTime Basketball: requested **\$1,882**; recommended **\$1,716**.
 - Juneau Youth Sailing: requested **\$22,300**; recommended **\$15,000**.
 - Juneau Skating Club: requested **\$29,000**; recommended **\$21,000**.
 - Juneau Ski Club: requested **\$9,700**; recommended **\$9,000**.
 - Juneau Nordic Ski Club: requested **\$15,200**; recommended **\$13,000**.
 - Juneau Douglas Ice Association: requested **\$18,500**; recommended **\$9,000**.
 - Hoop Rats Basketball: requested **\$17,350**; recommended **\$12,000**.
 - Juneau Trap Team: requested **\$11,500**; recommended **\$7,202**.
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There was \$70.00 over budget so the YAB decided to remove \$70 from the Juneau Trap Team to bring their award from \$7,272 down to \$7,202.

Motion by Ms. Balstad that the Youth Activities Board approve the recommended grant awards for the **Academic category** in amount of \$52,800, the **Arts category** in amount of \$49,157 and the **Sports category** in the amount of \$213,918 as presented for total amount of \$315,875.00. No objections.

Motion approved.

VI. **Liaison Reports**

- a. JAHc- no report.
- b. PRAC- Mr. Anderson stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is recommending that the department reconfigure courts at Adair-Kennedy Memorial Park to provide four-six pickleball courts, one tennis court, and one basketball court. Public comment on this topic occurred and the first meeting had a full room of pickleball players and a few tennis players and then at the next meeting the room was filled with tennis players and no pickleball players.

VII. **Board Comments**

Ms. Balstad thanked Rio from Perseverance Theatre for attending tonight's meeting and listening in.

Ms. Smyth stated this was her first-year scoring grants and is a new learning experience going through the process.

Ms. Nelson stated it would be good to form another committee to look at the score sheet again and items that need further clarification in regard of what things are funded and not funded.

Mr. Anderson would like to work towards having a single-page score sheet and simplify grant processes.

Mr. Rutecki thanked everyone for their time on working on the grant scoring and working together to determine funding levels for each of the organizations that submitted applications.

VIII. **Next Meeting** - Tentatively May 14, 2024

IX. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm
