



WILSONVILLE – METRO COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

1. Roll Call

In Attendance:

Amy Day
Devon Thorson
Maripat Hensel
Nik McGee
Councilor Berry
Councilor Linville (remote)
Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Staff

Erika Valentine
Kerry Rappold
Tommy Reeder
Zoe Mombert

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **CEC Minutes** – September 14, 2023 – Maripat Hensel made a motion to approve September 14, 2023 Minutes. Gerritt Rosenthal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PROGRAM UPDATES & DISCUSSION

3. **Metro-CEC Memo**

Staff reviewed the objectives of the program before providing an update on current projects and the program budget. There is adequate funding available from the community enhancement and community investment fees to support the requests. The committee is not required to allocate any funds.

PROJECT APPLICATION PRESENTATION

4. **Art Stories CCFF (Coffee Creek Correctional Facility)**

- Deb Arthur, Founder of Higher Education Program, gave a presentation of the grant request and answered committee members' questions
- Work with students as a part of the class
- Multimedia art – college (augmented reality) QR code as a part of the project
- CCCF at PSU program provides college classes – reduced curriculum to work towards a bachelor's degree
- Classes funded (grant)/no funds from PSU

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- PSU program at CCCF - 5 classes/125 students
- Full class (multimedia) served by this grant request - 20 students cap (a space issue)
- Students will use materials gleaned from towns
- \$1,200 (technology expense) – public art/imaging technology
- Enhance art and share the voices of students
- The art would be on display at the Wilsonville Public Library

5. Client Services Accessibility Project Heart of the City (HOC)

Lyn and Sandi from Heart of the City provided a presentation regarding their request for smart mailboxes, computers, ipads, printer and couch for their facility to enhance and increase client support services at HOC. A summary of the presentation and committee questions are outlined below:

- Smart Mailbox will allow clients to access checks when HOC is closed
- IPads will allow clients to access fillable forms, print or copy of paperwork which delays the process and increases the need for technology
- Computers are needed to increase the support volunteers and staff can provide to clients
- Cost of items were discussed as they seemed high
- Grace Chapel, organization that supports HOC, uses MAC and tech support is more likely to be able to assist with any problems.
- Mac and IPads are also easier for clients to use
- Help identify needs
- Spanish and English forms will be accessible from the technology
- Does not need to be high-end model. Want to make sure it has the capacity for the future.
- Specific items selected for security
- Grace Chapel will help with program (client services) expenses
- HOC works with school district. Need has grown over 30% and there are not enough resources

6. Many Cultures, One Heart - Hearts Public Art Project City of Wilsonville (COW)

Erika Valentine, Arts, Culture and Heritage Coordinator presented a request for fiberglass hearts to procure, painted and installed around the city. Here is a summary of information provided and responses to committee questions.

- Public art is a cultural asset
- Fiberglass heart 52" x 52"
- Different artists for each heart
- 5 – 10 hearts at city facilities or 10 city parks
- Map online (image, learn about each artist)
- Auction of hearts after their useful life – free up for a new project
- The painted hearts will be covered with anti-graffiti coating
- Is there a local artist to supply the hearts? Most programs use the same 2 to 3 companies on the east-coast.
- Base to install the art is included in the cost
- 5 vs. 10 preferences
- 10 more impact but still benefit the community

- General statement about inclusivity will be noted in the request for proposal.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee would select the artist and there would likely be input from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee also.
- Anyone could apply and/or submit ideas within 50 miles including students.

7. Music at Murase City of Wilsonville

Tommy Reeder, Parks staff presented the proposal to purchase three musical pieces to be installed at Murase Park. A summary of the information provided and master plan information is available below:

- Previous grant projects successes were discussed
- Project was identified in master plan but it is not on a list to be funded
- Ranked as amenity of interest
- Location – Murase Show Garden with rehabbed landscape (south of the water feature)
- Adequate distance from homes, but near the restroom to be accessible for users
- Permanent amenity with would harmonize and be available year round
- Parks staff will be provide a match by pouring the concrete pad and installation of the musical features.

8. Tranquil Park Stewardship & Community Engagement

Michelle from Friends of Trees (FOT) presented their request and answered committee questions, which are summarized below:

- FOT – work with city restrictions
- Overgrown invasive species on the site (1 acre)
- Interest in restoring more in the future
- Invasive management without FOT contract
- Proposal includes two volunteer events and will include community engagement
- Benefits – environmental and belonging
- Project will benefit local wildlife and watershed
- Park is located near local residences.
- Replant to keep invasive spies from re-growing
- Incidentals are included (snacks, coffee, first-aid supplies, etc.)
- Maintenance will be needed to keep removing invasive species
- Personnel services (included in the grant request)– time for FOT staff and City staff to put on the event
- Resilient native species will be planted
- Volunteer – 40-120 people depending on recruitment

9. Wilsonville Field Guide City of Wilsonville (COW)

Kerry Rappold from the Natural Resources Department presented the application and answered the committee questions; a summary is below:

- This project will glean on past community enhancement projects
- Specific field guide will be created
- Showcase ecosystem, conservation, geology, cultural history
- Contributors for project already identified

- Would be available for print
- Available at community locations
- The field guide is intended to be 100 page (9 chapters)
- Need to explore e-book expense
- City website (on web, school website, Boones Ferry Messenger and the Wilsonville Spokesman will be used to advertise the project
- Concern about cost – maybe too low
- Most of the content is already available and just needs to be compatible
- Metro did a guide but unclear about other jurisdictions
- Initial project paid for by grant will be free
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PROJECT APPLICATION DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION

Some of the committee members were interested in making a decision. Some members expressed a desire to discuss the requested project amounts in more detail at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Maripat Hensel to approve all projects and all amounts. Councilor Linville seconded the motion. 3 ayes; 3 no; 1 abstain. Motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Councilor Berry to continue the discussion at the March 19 meeting. Nik McGee seconded the motion. 6 ayes; 1 no. Motion passed.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM