

CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM #201

Chairperson Janet Bartello called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present at roll call: Eric Castiglia, Kozeta Elzhenni, Joanne Paraventi, Jeanne Schabath, Janet Bartello, Judith Foley

Members absent: Grace Pedrie (Excused)

Also in attendance: Teresa Jarzab, HUD Program Coordinator

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Castiglia, supported by Schabath, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Foley, supported by Castiglia, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2017 as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried

New Business

Selection of Projects

The committee opened discussion for the selection of projects.

Ms. Jarzab informed the committee that the allocation funding has not been announced by HUD, and that the current numbers presented in the agenda packet are estimates. The Administration budget, Newell Drive, Tree Planting and Senior Center Parking Lot Improvements were discussed.

Motion by Paraventi, supported by Foley, to appropriate to appropriate; \$140,385 for Preparation of Application; \$30,000 for Minor Home Repair; \$3,000 for the Macomb Homeless Coalition; \$275,000 for Senior Center Parking Lot Expansion; \$9,000 for Senior Center Fitness Room Carpet; \$142,002 for Newell Drive; and \$10,000 for DPW Tree Planting.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried

Allocation for Public Services was discussed. Several suggested funding amounts were compared to prior year funding. Applications were discussed.

The committee members held a general discussion regarding the Single Parent Education Program MCC. Allocation reductions were discussed based on the low number of students enrolled in the program.

The committee members held a general discussion regarding Macomb Warming Center, MCREST, MATTS.

The committee members held a general discussion regarding Turning Point.

The committee members held a general discussion regarding the Adaptive Recreation Program. Members expressed concern about the program serving other community residents and no funds are received from other community partners to support the program.

The committee members held a general discussion regarding the remaining public service activities.

Motion by Elzheni, supported by Foley to allocate \$10,000 for MCREST; \$10,000 for MATTS; \$5,000 for Turning Point; \$19,000 for Adaptive Recreation; \$25,258 Home Chore; \$11,000 for the Single Parent Education Program at MCC; \$7,000 for the Library's Homebound Book Delivery Program; \$9,500 for Care House; \$9,780 for Macomb County Warming Center and \$1,000 for Wigs 4 Kids.

Ayes: All
Nays: Paraventi
Motion Carried.

Motion by Paraventi, supported by Castiglia, if funding is less than the estimated budget, allow program staff to reduce the funding for Newell Drive under capital projects and reduce the difference of the estimated budget and actual budget for public equally to each funded activity. The 15% public service cap must be maintained.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Motion by Castiglia, supported by Paraventi, if funding is more than the estimated budget, allow program staff to increase the funding for Newell Drive under capital projects and increase the difference of the estimated budget and actual budget for public services equally to each funded activity. The 15% public service cap must be maintained.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Board Members Report

Ms. Jarzab discussed the cities 50th Anniversary time capsule. The committee has been requested to submit some comments and accomplishments for the time capsule.

Committee members discussed and decided that the Tree Planting project would be a great opportunity to show how what we do now will still have an impact on the community in another 50 years when the time capsule is opened.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Move to adjourn by Foley, supported by Schabath

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Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Pedrie, Recording Secretary

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