



Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee

MEETING SUMMARY Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00pm Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order; Welcome & Overview of the Meeting

Amanda Johnson, Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:12pm and provided instructions to participants regarding the virtual meeting format.

Chair Johnson asked staff to call the roll.

Amanda Johnson, City Councilor Joann Linville, Amy Day and Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal were present. (Councilor Ben West and Jordan Snyder were excused.)

2. Consent Agenda

Joann Linville made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from March 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Gerritt Rosenthal. The motion passed.

3. City Manager Recommendation Round 2

City Manager Bryan Cosgrove addressed the Committee request that the Community Enhancement Committee entertain the idea of a second grant cycle to assist with clean up efforts due to the unforeseen February 2021 ice storm. He recommended that the committee focus on three areas 1) Stump grinding of street trees 2) Pruning and Maintenance to preserve trees and 3) SROZ clean up.

Stump grinding was identified as a barrier to replanting street trees. There is not always a lot of space in planter strips to plant a new tree next to a stump. In many cases, the stump must be fully ground in order to allow a new street tree to be planted. Additionally, some trees to not need to be removed, they can be maintained and preserved. This saves money for the homeowner and maintains part of the City's urban forest. Finally, there is a lot damage from the winter storms in the SROZ areas.

4. Discuss & Vote on City Manager Recommendation

The Committee was supportive of moving forward but expressed concerns about equity. Staff explained that the Committee could ask questions about equity of the applicants but it could be challenging determine who is most in need of assistance. There were also questions about the city's ability to work with an arborist. City Manager Cosgrove mentioned that the City does have an arborist and has contracts available for any

technical items that we need to contract out. The committee mentioned that that is was their goal to reach those in need and reach underserved population. They also noted that they wanted safety to be prioritized.

Gerritt Rosenthal made a motion to open a second round of Community Enhancement grants for projects focused on Stump grinding of street trees, Pruning and Maintenance to preserve trees and SROZ clean up. The motion was seconded by Amy Day. The motion passed.

5. Discuss additional application criteria and timing

Staff discussed the proposed application and grant allocation process with the committee. Staff explained that they planned to open the application process on May 14 and close the application process on June 14. This would allow staff to advertise the program in the Boones Ferry Messenger June edition and via social media. Staff also informed the committee that staff would be meeting in early July to review the applications and provide feedback to the Committee before their July 13 meeting date. This timeline will allow the City Council to review the Committee's recommendation at their July 18 meeting or first meeting in August. Staff would like to seek City Council approval as soon as possible to make the most impact in the community.

Committee members expressed concern about the short application period and requested that the application period be extended. The Committee agreed that the application period should be May 14 – June 25.

Chair Johnson noted that this would be her last meeting. She resigned since she is moving outside of the city limits.

7. Adjourn

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Zoe Monahan on May 27, 2021.