

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE

Meeting Minutes of

January 22, 2013

9:00 AM

City of Wyoming

City Manager's Conference Room 2nd Floor

I ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carmody at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Jack Sluiter, Curtis Holt, Johan Armendarez, Megan Sall, Jim Carmody, Connie Bellows, Paul Wegener, Tim Smith, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Kent VanderWood

Absent: Jeff Koeze, Jack Sluiter, Curtis Holt

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by VanderWood, supported by Bellows to approve the November 27, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Tim Smith

Smith reviewed the report that was provided electronically to the board for the period ending January 20, 2013. Net assets in the General Fund account are \$33,566.12, Wyoming Youth Coalition \$885.29, Community Enrichment Commission \$11,954.91, Fire Engine Restoration Project \$1,178.33, and Police Donations \$1,400.99. Grant distribution has begun as grantees provide their information, such as W9's, to obtain the checks. Carmody shared how he corresponds with donors. A motion was made by Armendarez, supported by Sall to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Oriole Park Neighborhood Association Grant Request

Carmody gave the background on the status of the grant application. This was a deferral from the November meeting. Carmody reported on how the

city manufactures various signs. One sign is trademarked. Carmody or his staff will be meeting with the Association to ascertain their sign desires.

Previously, Sall suggested giving this group one of the Meijer gift cards. Various approaches to distribute the Meijer gift cards were discussed. Armendarez suggested supporting food or clothing pantries.

Carmody suggested we get a card to a Staples or Office Max for the neighborhood association. Bellows and Sall suggested we support a local business for the gift card, such as Office Max.

B. Follow up discussion on a second round for grant applications.

Following discussion it was determined not to have a second round of grant funding this year.

Rynbrandt is working on revising the grant application form and will be suggestions to the Board prior to the next round of funding.

C. Dock Ministries grant award for the construction of risers.

Carmody reviewed the letter and photos submitted by Dock Ministries. The consensus of the Board was that we need Dock Ministries to confirm how many risers are being constructed and to provide a cash expense report for their construction.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. Youth Scholarship Update

Rynbrandt reported that for the period of July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, a total of 24 scholarships were awarded at a total value of \$661.

B. Carnival fundraiser.

Rynbrandt reported that Jeff Anderson has confirmed the carnival will be here with Anderson working to finalize the dates. She has requested Anderson to obtain contact information for the ATT site on Michael Avenue as well as the old Kmart site as possible locations to host the carnival. There is a possibility, should the Kent County Land Bank/City of Wyoming receive a Michigan Blight Elimination Grant, that Studio 28 will be torn down in the spring and the location would not be available to us. VanderWood suggested the Klingman's site, and perhaps the Value City Site. Holt noted that the former Value City site is not paved.

C. Webpage update.

Rynbrandt reported that the webpage updates have been completed. The site now has a link to a file showing past grant history. This will allow future prospective grant seekers to understand what we fund and how much. Armendarez spoke highly of the page's new content and Bellows thanked Rynbrandt for her work. The Board concurred.

VI ITEMS FOR ACTION

VanderWood moved, Smith seconded a motion to pay for the neighborhood watch signs and provide for a gift card for printing costs and program supplies for the Oriole Park Neighborhood Association not to exceed \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Sall moved, and Bellows seconded a motion to provide the Meijer Gift cards to Compassion This Way for \$50, Christ Lutheran Church Personal Care Pantry for \$100, and \$100 to the Family Food Network. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

VanderWood questioned if we are making any progress with bringing any other groups in to the Alliance for fiduciary responsibilities such as the Historical Commission. Holt indicated that no further groups have been receptive.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in the City Manager's Conference Room, Wyoming City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt
Secretary
Board of Directors