

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE
Minutes of the September 25, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 AM
City of Wyoming
City Manager's Conference Room 2nd Floor

I ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Holt at 9:07 a.m.

Present: Curtis Holt, Connie Bellows, Paul Wegener, Tim Smith, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Jack Sluiter, Kent VanderWood, John Armendarez

Absent: Jeff Koeze, Megan Sall, Jim Carmody

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012 was made by Smith, seconded by Sluiter. Motion carried.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Tim Smith

Smith reported that there was not a lot of activity. The General Fund has a balance of \$31,239.68. Balances of other funds were reviewed. Motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Armendarez, seconded by VanderWood. Motion carried.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Ask letter draft for review and approval.

Bellows asked that her email be updated to: connie.bellows@gmail.com

A review of the letter was made with suggestions being incorporated within the document. A motion to send the amended letter was made by Sluiter, seconded by Armendarez. Motion carried.

B. Dock Ministries grant update; funding request change

Rynbrandt reviewed her conversation with Wayne Ondersma from the Dock Ministries. The Dock Ministries is unable to complete their original grant for the plumbing as awarded for 2012. They are requesting (see letter that was

distributed) to transfer the grant to fund risers. VanderWood asked about precedent to allow for a transfer. It was affirmed that there is none. Armendarez indicated that the letter does not have financials for the new project. VanderWood had a concern with setting precedent. Smith said their letter indicates they also received a donation for the risers, with no financials we can't ascertain what their needs are for this new project. Rynbrandt indicated that we are close to the next grant round and perhaps we should encourage them to apply for the risers. Holt felt that the Dock Ministries should submit a full grant application by the next meeting for consideration. The Board can then take a look at their request at next meeting to fund or take money back for 2012 award.

C. Jeff Koeze's City Council presentation – update

VanderWood, Sluiter, Rynbrandt, and Holt reported on the Council presentation in Koeze's absence. It was very well received. The brochure was distributed as well at the historic granting information. VanderWood included an appeal for volunteers to apply to serve via our two vacant board member seats. The Board extended its appreciation to Koeze for attending the meeting and representing the Alliance. It was noted that Carmody was also at the meeting and introduced Koeze.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. Consumer's Power energy gift program (marketing & impact opportunity).

Rynbrandt discussed the Gift of Energy Program as a possible marketing opportunity. Armendarez asked where it would fit in our mission? Sluiter discussed our growing needs for grants. Wegner supported Sluiter's comments. Bellows indicated the leverage of impact through agency grants is more than to individual families. The consensus was not to proceed.

B. Connie Bellows – Putting together information on the greater Wyoming area's unique and diverse community characteristics

Bellows reminded the board of the discussion of the last meeting regarding that members may not have fully understood "who we are" as a community and the community we are serving. Such as Wyoming being the most diverse community in the area appeared to be a surprise to the board. Bellows is willing "roll up her sleeves" and create such a descriptive document from the 2010 census information. The board was eager to see such a report and thanked her for her willingness to do this work.

VII ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Dock Ministries funding request change

A motion by Armendarez, seconded by Bellows to require the Dock Ministries to submit a full grant application by the October meeting for the riser project. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Wegner asked about the City Seal conversation per the Church symbol. Holt indicated it is still being evaluated. Holt shared the history of the matter including how the discussion was facilitated by the reporter, the story “created” by the reporter. The reporter was subsequently fired from FOX 17 news.

Bellows shared with the Board that Ramblewood is cutting up to 1,000 trees. Rynbrandt reported that she has asked Ramblewood for specific address locations for the work to ensure that any required buffer zones are not being affected.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 9:00 AM, in the City Manager’s Conference Room, Wyoming City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt, Secretary
Board of Directors