

Present: Steve, Becky, Brenda, Genna, Alex

Called to order: 6:13pm

Alex: Scheduled this meeting to discuss some of our financial considerations moving forward. And as our staffing issues have come to a head, we will also be including information on personnel funding in this conversation.

Steve's recap of this funding surplus:

- We have 125-130k we have to use this year
- Some of this will be used - some of it used with staffing
- Dennis just sent in a request for reimbursement for 26k today
- There is about 35,000 of this was carryover from previous city programs that absolutely has to be spent this year, and we can use this money first so we don't have to worry about losing that
- Of our base funding, we can only carry forward about 10%; roughly \$9k, so essentially we have about 120k that has to be used this year
- Our budget will take up a large chunk of this funding; staff + contracts, etc
- If Morgan wasn't terminated, a lot of this would be chewed up - all three would be taking up a lot of money
- The only restriction on any of this money is that it cannot be spent on food and entertainment
- We do have \$2,500 from ASI that hasn't been allocated yet that could be going toward anything
- With that money, that could be used to expand the lighting program? Yes
- What is current salary? 25/hr for each, at 36 hours, 200/month for retirement/health care (split with SSCO currently) - ends up being 46,800 a year plus 2400 a year
- Is it possible to talk with Hadiya and J to see if they have any expenses upcoming or things they think we should allocate the money for? Like ads?
 - We do currently have some line items in the budget already for these items
- The surplus is due to the cities closing out the neighborhoods 2020 program, the city did not want that money moved forward into the new program

Proposals for this funding from last time:

- We talked about this in our March board meeting, and we agreed to have Luz and Mira bring forward a proposal, but that didn't pan out

Steve's meeting with Ariaah about city funding and personnel funding:

- Updated Ariaah on the situation with Morgan
- He was initially enthused about the collaborative effort, but he understands that all collaborations are ideal and that it might be right for other groups
- He wasn't super forthcoming about his feelings about what sSCO did
- He said within our budget we have the abilities to move money around, but if we are moving around 5+ figures of money, we do have to let the city know

- Asked him about auditing, and he is really discouraging us from doing it any time soon but is happy to keep us posted

PROPOSALS:

- Genna thinks we should contract for the garden, allocate some money to ZACAH, give some to housing committee or garden committee for supplies/lights, and then try to fully fund some personnel to pay 2 full time staff people and potentially end collaboration with SSCO
- Events: GOTV, and bridgefest is happening! Also could do some school supplies
- Alex: GOTV will probably need minimal funding
- Genna: could we allocate equal or equitable amounts to events, safety, and garden committees?
- Alex would like a proposal from the safety committee about how they could spend money - doesn't feel like there's currently a meaty way for us to spend money there urgently
- With the garden committee, we do have slightly more of an urgent need there for labor
- Events, we are adding bridgefest and want to make sure we have enough there
- 1.5 staff feels like a need, 2 would be amazing
- Alex would rank that: staff, garden, events, safety
- Could probably spend like \$10k on garden
- Steve and cristeta will talk about getting quotes
- Allocate some figures to the budget and then move things around later
- We cannot afford two full time staff members on our own - could do 1.5 probably, could maybe do 1.75
- The city doesn't care if we want to put all our money toward staff but not programs - we could be doing more grant writing and development
- Alex: For the entire surplus: 35% to staffing, 30% to garden, 25% to events, 10% to safety, with the possibility of changing
- Steve says we should start with the 34k that we can't carry over, and move from there
- Would love to have proposals for both the surplus and the staffing situation for the next board meeting
- Adjusting proposal from Alex: 25% to staff, 25% to events, 20% safety, and 30% to garden (of the 34 k)
- Either we hear from SSCO and maybe have another executive committee meeting, and/or just have exec/board meeting for July