

**Grants Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023
4:30 PM
City Hall**

Attendees: Annette Flanders, Chris Sekula, Michael Hartigan, Alicia Devereaux, Kimiko Miller, Commissioner Kim Sherwood, Chris Frazer

1. Call to Order
2. Approved 12/8/2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business:
 - a. NCDOT Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grant Program
Application was submitted and the application was not selected
Chris F to try to get feedback as to why we were not selected
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/PlanningGrants/Documents/Feasibility%20Studies%20Grant%20-%20Overview.pdf>
 - b. Golden LEAF
Ditch cleaning and repair
Email with questions from Annette was sent to city staff in mid-December
Grant application is on hold until answers to these questions are received
<https://www.goldenleaf.org/>
 - c. Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant was submitted 10/13/2022 for 80% grant funds, 20% City matching funds – see details below:

| Item | Total Cost | DOT RCP - 80% | Local - 20% |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| City Center Master Plan | \$50,000 | \$40,000 | \$10,000 |
| Engineering Design Plan | \$72,500 | \$58,000 | \$14,500 |
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| Total | \$122,500 | \$98,000 | \$24,500 |

Grant application has been received; ETA for decision is in the next 2 weeks
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>

4. New Business
 - a. Annette elected as Grants Committee Chairperson
Alicia motioned, Chris seconded, all members were in favor and the motion passed
 - b. Reviewed and discussed Grants Committee Ordinance (2022)
5. Grant Research Assignments
 - a. Grants Committee to continue to review grants.gov for additional grant opportunities

- b. Research non matching grant opportunities to purchase land behind Muse park for additional parking
 - c. Research US DOT grant opportunities:
<https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>
<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>
<https://www.transportation.gov/rural>
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 - d. Research grant opportunities for city owned roadway repairs
6. Final comments/questions/concerns
- a. Annette and Kim will be attending a free NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency Funding forum on 2/28/23 @ Greenville Convention Center. The forum will introduce funding opportunities for resilience-related projects. There will be time to engage with potential funders and a grant writing session will provide practical tools and strategies for successful funding proposals.
 - b. An All Committees Meeting is scheduled for 2/16/2023 at 6:00 PM. Annette submitted the requested report and all Grants Committee members are encouraged to attend.
 - c. Kimiko Miller was appointed and Chris Sekula was reappointed to the Grants Committee
7. Next meeting is 3/9/2023 4:30 PM
8. Adjourn