

Grants Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 4:30 PM
City Hall

Present: Annette Flanders, Chris Sekula, Michael Hartigan, Alicia Devereaux, Kim Sherwood, Suzanne Tungate

1. Call to Order
2. Approved 5/11/2023 agenda
3. Approved 4/18/2023 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business:
 - a. Golden LEAF Trevino drainage project
Information was received from McGill to complete the proposal. A rewrite of the previous proposal will be needed to align with this information. Grant to be proposed at about \$250,000 for engineering, materials, and installation; ditch cleaning will be performed by the city. <https://www.goldenleaf.org/>
 - b. Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant submitted 10/13/2022 was not approved. Suzanne, Kim, and Annette attended a debrief and were advised that the city scored low on almost all of the grant criteria. The RCP grant is directed more toward urban communities. A stronger application would require evidence of community input. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>
5. New Business: None
6. Grant Research Assignments
 - a. Committee to continue researching on grants.gov and nc.gov/grants.
7. Final comments/questions/concerns
 - a. The chair asked Suzanne to remind Gordon to send sewer project grant opportunities that he mentioned previously.
 - b. Ernie Pugliese has applied to the Grants Committee.
 - c. The lowest bid for the Holly, Redwood project came in at \$1.1M vs. the \$520K engineering estimate. The chair suggested that the city may want to consider the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program for additional funds (these grants need to be submitted through the State). Suzanne to contact State agency. <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods/before-you-apply>
 - d. In response to a concern raised by Suzanne that city staff may be working to capacity administering the dams project, the chair asked Suzanne to speak with the City Manager to determine if the Committee should continue its work at this time. Commissioner Sherwood recommended that the Committee continue to work on the city's needs.
8. Next meeting is 6/8/2023 4:30 PM
9. Adjourn