

**Greensboro ARPA Committee
MINUTES
July 20, 2022 via Zoom**

Present via Zoom: Jane Woodruff, Nancy Hill, Dan Predpall, Ellen Celnik, Beth Meacham, Jenny Bayles, Brett Stanciu

Committee members absent: Gary Circosta, Jackie Tolman, Stew Arnold, Jay Modry, Judy Carpenter, Sam Young, Kim Greaves

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by chair Jane Woodruff

- 1. Community outreach** - Jane and Ellen completed the fact sheets and application forms that are now available on the town website and at various locations throughout the community (Post Office, Library, etc.). Beth created a poster that has been placed around Greensboro and Greensboro Bend. Jane posted APRA information and application deadlines on Front Porch Forum for a week and will do so again. A community-wide mailing (Every Door Direct) went out thanks to Brett, Sam, and Jenny. The table staffed by volunteers at the Funky Fourth Celebration was a mixed success due to the location. People were more interested in sandwiches than grant funding.
- 2. Response to date and additional community outreach planned** - Brett has had a number of calls from interested community groups with questions about the application process including the 4-H Club, Craftsbury Community Care Center, Greensboro Free Library, Fire Department, and Water Districts. Ellen suggested some direct outreach to local not-for-profit organizations and community groups such as the Grange, Recreation Committee, Lake Stewards for example.
- 3. Public Meeting** - An informational meeting will be held with Dan Predpall as the presenter and moderator and Jenny Bayles as Clerk/Secretary. Tentative date, time and location — Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 6:30 pm, Highland Art Center. Beth will create a poster. Brett and Ellen will send emails to actively interested community groups. Front Porch Forum and social media will also be used to spread the word.
- 4. Application judging criteria** - Dan shared a Powerpoint with his rationale and proposals for a scoring rubric for grant applications. Committee members are asked to review his presentation and respond with comments/questions/changes/additions. In a nutshell Dan suggests we adopt a values-based scoring system

based on four main objectives — 1) Benefits to Greensboro and Greensboro Bend, 2) Clear budget for the use of funds 3) Feasibility of the project, 4) Consistency with Town Plan. Our main goal is to disburse ARPA funding. Please see Dan's PowerPoint for the details can contact him with questions.

- 5. Presenting our recommendations to the Select Board** - Once the applications are scored, we will rank them in order based on the scoring and forward our recommendations for projects to receive ARPA funding to the Select Board. At that time, Dan will do a short presentation to the Select Board about our process.
- 6.** Meeting adjourned by chair Jane Woodruff at 7:41 pm

Submitted July 21, 2022,
Jenny Bayles, ARPA committee clerk/secretary