

MINUTES
ARPA GRANT PROPOSAL PITCHES
10/26
LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

Committee Members Present: Jane Woodruff, Beth Meachem, Nancy Hill, Judy Carpenter, Stewart Arnold, Ellen Celnik

Attendees: See Attached

Meeting called to order at 6:30

(1) Caspian Lake Beach Committee

Presenter: John Schweizer

Request for funds to support signage and security cameras

When questioned about how to protect cameras from vandalism he noted they would be installed at least 16 feet off the ground

(26) Fire District #1

Presenter: David Brochu Jr.

Noted that current fire gear is five years past required need for replacement

15 sets of gear must be replaced in the upcoming year at \$3,000 per set of gear

Idea is to have two sets per person and to rotate purchase of replacement gear on a regular basis to control expenditures. Plans to rotate 3 suits per year moving forward.

Looking for request to offset expense from capital account

(2) Greensboro Bend Rec Committee

Presenter: Jennifer Thompson on behalf of Carolyn Kehler

Explained that while there are a lot of things needing to be addressed in the Bend park the resurfacing of the basketball court is a priority because it gets used the most. Also need to replace the steel bench with a new one-looking for local sources

(25) United Methodist Church

No Representation

(3) Hardwick Food Pantry

Presenter: Liz Baum

83 people in the 'Born served

Sustainability moving forward supported by a greater emphasis on fundraising per comment from Heather Davis, the new executive director

(24) NEK Broadband

Presenter: Mike Metcalf with input from Paul Fixx

Looking for support for first phase. Other funding sources are supporting the long term project. No further funds will be requested on a local level. Support will help move the project ahead a little more quickly

(4) Saplings Pre-School

Presenter: Seth Hayden

Noted that he, himself is qualified to work on the expansion project

They are looking at the property to the right of the church. Funds requested would support new furniture and a site manager for the project. Additional funds in the amount of \$50,000 requested from Craftsbury

(23) Hardwick Rescue Squad

Presenter: Tim Nisbet

Looking at most cost effective options for improving facility

Tim noted that they are considering building from the ground up on a section of a 7 acre

parcel behind Dollar General that they would lease from the town of Hardwick for \$1 / yr. When asked if they might partner with the Hardwick Fire Dept. Tim noted the fire dept. is a low priority for the town at this time. No other asks have been had in that they are at the beginning of the process

(5) Greensboro Free Library (private space)

Presenter: Paula Davidson

Community need for a private space to conduct business and address personal needs for privacy

(22) Greensboro Nursing Home

Presenter: Bill Rogers

Needs new roof. Have a number of grant requests in motion. Willing to do roof in phases but north side is of greatest concern

(6) Elektra

No Presenter

(21) & (7) HCA and Greensboro Rec Committee Request

Presenters: David Kelley and Keisha Luce

Two organizations partnering to address maintenance needs on winter ice rink and on the trail system. Keisha also looking for support to compensate artists whose work is displayed on the trail. Emphasis was on the FREE access to these activities. Keisha noted that compensation to artists is an annual expense that she needs to raise money for.

(20) Craftsbury Community Care Center

Presenter: Jane Marlin

Additional funding for upgrades being sought from towns of Albany, Glover, Craftsbury and Hardwick. The board has committed to a dollar to dollar match on all donations

(8) Caspian Critters 4-H

Presenters: Warren Hill, Natalie Hill and Emma Rowell

Most likely would be placed on town green

When asked about electrical hook up if on town green there is no issue

They had not considered this piece. They emphasized that contractors for the project

would be local

(19) Greensboro Rec Committee

Presenter: Isa Oehry

Interest in putting a fitness trail in with exercise stations. She talked about popularity in Europe but has not reached out into the community to see if there is interest from the residents

(9) Stewards of the Watershed

Presenter: Jed Feffer

Informational kiosk at Caspian

Has not yet conversed with the beach committee to coordinated signage efforts
Asked about plans for maintenance and vandalism. Noted that volunteers will be responsible for keeping information up to date. Was a little vague on the vandalism issue.

(18) Fire District #1

Presenter: John Mackin

If grant approved John noted that the funds would go back into the operating budget

(10) Caspian Arts

Presenter: Isa Oehry

Due to contractual costs being high volunteers will do the painting. Has 50 volunteers lined up. Floor would be done by a specialist.

(17) No representation

(11) 4 Seasons Early Learning Center

Presenter: Michelle Laflam

Looking for funds to provide pay raises for staff which were stymied by COVID.
The center lost \$80,000 in revenue during COVID. Moving forward she noted that their budget is sustainable

(16) Circus Smirkus Circus Barn

Presenter: Robin LaPlante

Noted siding replacement and drainage issues

Some wood has been stored for the project

They have not wanted to treat the material but will be looking into this for the sake of longevity. Emphasized that the circus draws performers and their families to the community that supports local businesses

(12) Green Mountain Monastery (Sisters of the Earth)

Presenter: Gail Worcelo

Noted upgrades needed. Emphasized that the space is used by the community
No questions asked

(15) Green Mountain Monastery

Presenter: Amie Hendani

Noted needs for improvements
No questions asked

(13) Greensboro Library

Presenter: Virginia Lapierre

Noted the library has been using hand me down equipment and with Covid they have seen increased use that would benefit from upgraded equipment

(14) Cheney Road Committee Wastewater Project

Presenter: Stewart Arnold

Serves 7 households who have come together over the project. Considerations when doing the project help the lake, set a model for other homes around the lake and potentially raises property values that drives more tax revenue to the town

