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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Mary O'Donnell, Coral Manning, Deon Carruthers

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: 7 - Shiva Bidar; Donna C. Bryant; LaShana M. Miller; Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers; Michelle A. Dunphy and Consuelo Lopez

Absent: 2 - Arvina Martin and Mykenzie L. Lemberger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by LaShana Miller, seconded by Shiva Bidar to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Reuben Anthony from Urban League of Greater Madison discussed their Schools of Hope program. They are adding two new aspects of the program for next year.
2. Dave Johnson from Simpson Street Free Press discussed his background and his belief in supporting youth and giving them a structured environment. He is involved in the financial matters of SSFP and everything in the organization is healthy and transparent.
3. Brandon Alvarez from Simpson Street Free Press discussed the reading crisis in Madison and how SSFP helps parents and kids. It is important to provide focused literacy support for students. SSFP is experienced and trained in this and wants to work together as partners to increase reading scores.
4. Jim Kramer from Simpson Street Free Press thanked staff for explaining the process and how decisions are made. He understands the tough job they have. He would love to have staff out to check ou SSFP.
5. Rebecca Hildebrandt and Laura Ford-Harris from Maydm would like the committee to decide to fund their program. They are disappointed that staff did not recommend them for funding. Their costs are a little higher than other programs due to the nature of their program, not because of staff salaries. They are preparing under-served children of color to get jobs in a high tech, high need field with a high wage. Their program is an immersive program, and all kids get one-on-one time. They discussed plans for funding diversity, and are beginning to get grants now. No one pays 100% for the program. Everyone gets scholarships if they need it. If they received less than the

requested amount of funding, they could still do the program, but would have to find more funding. They are committed to it.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Shiva Bidar disclosed that she is a board member of the Madison Community Foundation.

Jim O'Keefe disclosed that his son was employed as an instructor at Maydm this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [57141](#) Discuss and Finalize School-age Child and Youth Development Program Funding Recommendations

Attachments: [School Age Child and Youth Staff Recs CSC.pdf](#)

Mary O'Donnell introduced the group of applications and the scope of programming for the RFP. Jim O'Keefe discussed the past funding structure and the funding structure moving forward. We are anticipating a \$100,000 increase in this funding pot, but we won't know until the budget is passed. We will wait to see if these recommendations make the Mayor's budget. Mary discussed the staff recommendations that were made with input from a community review panel.

A motion was made by Consuelo Lopez, seconded by Shiva Bidar to approve staff recommendations.

An amendment was made by Michelle Dunphy, seconded by Donna Bryant to reduce the two Hmong Institute Elementary and Middle School programs to \$11, 875 each and increase Simpson Street Free Press Elementary Program to \$11,875 and CEO's of Tomorrow High School Program to \$11,875. Motion passed by voice vote.

The motion to approve staff recommendations as ammended passed by voice vote.

2. [34250](#) Committee Reports
 - Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
 - Committee on Aging

Donna Bryant reported for the Committee on Aging. They received a report from NewBridge on their accomplishments and new programs. Marcia Hendrickson, the executive director is retiring.

3. [45406](#) Staff Report

Jim O'Keefe reported that the South East Asian Senior Programming process will close on September 3. The funds will be split between Freedom Inc and The Hmong Institute for senior activities.

The funding process around neighborhood centers and their school age child and youth programs is coming to a close. The CDD Conference Committee made recommendations on Monday. They approved the center support tier

placement and funding for the child and youth programs. The funding is contingent on Common Council approving the funding in the CDD 2020 operating budget.

Recruitment to fill Laura Noel's position has closed. We received 19 applications, which are being reviewed by an expert panel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LaShana Miller, seconded by Donna Bryant to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Motion passed by voice vote.