



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021
Costa Mesa City Hall

Time of Opening of Meeting: 6:16 PM

Board Members Present:

- Dean Abernathy
- JoJo Crowley
- Linda Tenno
- Lisa Schultz
- Mary Fewel
- Mike Carey
- Nichole Scott
- Andrew Nielson

Associate Board Members Present:

- Gerard Ladalardo
- Karen Ursini
- Lea Lowe

City Staff Present:

- Jennifer King
- Yvette Aguilar
- Ashley Thomas

Guests:

None.

Minutes:

Topic	Approval of Minutes
Presenter	JoJo Crowley
Summary	The board will need to approve of the minutes of the last meeting which took place September 22, 2021.
Proposal	Approve the Minutes of the last meeting.
Person to Make Motion	Dean Abernathy
Person to Second Motion	Mary Fewel
Board Approval	Unanimously Approved

Treasury Report:

Topic	Treasury Report
Presenter	Mary Fewel
Summary	The balances of our major financial accounts are as follows: Concerts in the Parks Donations: \$22,882.05, Community Grants Program: \$169.64
Proposal	Approve the Treasurer Report.
Person to Make Motion	Mary Fewel
Person to Second Motion	Linda Tenno
Board Approval	Unanimously Approved

Grants:

Topic

Presenter

Summary

Grant #1 – Costa Mesa High School Boosters

Nichole Scott

The Costa Mesa High School Boosters are requesting a grant of \$5,000 that will go towards updating their batting cages. The needed maintenance will be happening. They were able to raise some additional funds from selling fireworks in July as well as utilizing parking fees during the Orange County Fair and Chargers training Camp. Most of the work will be done by volunteers and most of the funding will go towards materials for the batting cages. The netting of the cages is frayed and have the potential of a fast ball going right through them with the potential of injuring someone. They have requested \$5,000 but President of the Boosters, Todd Cowley, said that any amount we can allocate will be much appreciated and put to good use. The chair of the Grants Committee, Andrew Nielson recommends a grant of at least \$1,250. Since 2020's CIP did not occur the Costa Mesa Foundation does not have the typical balance as it normally would at this time of year. Members of the board would love to fulfill \$5,000 grant requests but at this time we must be frugal with how money from the Grants account is distributed. The board would like to postpone granting this request until the next meeting in hopes that more information can reveal how these repairs would benefit ALL children of Costa Mesa. Additionally, the board would like to know projected amounts that have been or will be requested from other sources besides the Costa Mesa Foundation.

Proposal

Person to Make Motion

Person to Second Motion

Board Approval

Postpone the approval of this grant until the next meeting.

Linda Tenno

Dean Abernathy

Unanimously Approved

Topic Grant #2 – Let’s Be Kind
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary The Let’s Be Kind organization led by Cristina Robeck offers a positive movement in schools to deter teasing, bullying, shaming, etc and to promote kindness towards one another in our public schools. The organization is selling t-shirts with the “Let’s Be Kind” logo in hopes that sponsors would be able to donate enough money to pay for the shirts for at least one school. Other sponsorship levels will provide shirts for additional schools primarily in the elementary schools, then in the middle schools, and finally in the high schools. Let’s Be Kind Day will most likely take place in the spring of 2022. Schools that have the shirts will distribute them to all the students to promote the positive message. They have requested \$5,000 from the Costa Mesa Foundation and Andrew Nielson recommends we participate with a grant of \$2,500 which would buy shirts for one elementary school. The board requests to postpone the approval of this grant request until the next meeting. Additionally, the board requests more information and clarification from the requestor.

Proposal Postpone the approval of this grant until the next meeting.
Person to Make Motion Mary Fewel
Person to Second Motion Mike Carey
Board Approval Unanimously Approved

Topic Grant #3 – Mural Restoration
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary The Historical Preservation Committee & Cultural Arts Committee is requesting \$1,500 to help restore the Home on the Range mural located Placentia Avenue between Fire Station 4 and the City’s Corp Yard. The mural depicts the evolving history of the area around Fairview Park dating back to 1500 B.C. The mural was dedicated on November 15, 2008 by a local artist and resident, the late Peggy Gardner. Andrew Nielson recommends approving the full requested amount. Before granting this request the board will need to first transfer money from the Concerts in the Park account to the Grants account.

Proposal Transfer \$15,000 from the Concerts in the Park account to the Grants Account and then approve \$1,500 grant request to the Historical Preservation Committee & Cultural Arts Committee to help restore the Home on the Range Mural.

Person to Make Motion Mary Fewel
Person to Second Motion Mike Carey
Board Approval Unanimously Approved

Old Business:

Topic Refunds from CITP
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary Board members are reminded to turn in any check request forms to get refunded from the 2021 Concerts in the Park. Nichole Scott has one check request form to be assigned by appropriate Board members.

New Business

Topic New Executive Board in January
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary The current slate of executive board members' terms end in December. JoJo Crowley will be running for Presidency. Dean Abernathy will be running as Vice President. Mary Fewel will continue as Treasurer.

Topic Conflict of Interest
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary Board members must fill out the annual Conflict of Interest forms and send it to Ashley Thomas and JoJo Crowley. This will be due by the January 2022 meeting.

Topic Vote in New Board Members
Presenter Nichole Scott
Summary We need more people to join the Costa Mesa Foundation. Board members are reminded to reach out to community members to see if they would like to join our Foundation.

Closing Statements: None.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Time of adjournment: 7:37 PM