

WCDC Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2013

Members Present: Rick Stephens, Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Sheldon Delph, Lynn Delph, Chuck Price, Jim Davis, Kendra Weber, Jerry Frison

Chuck read the July meeting minutes which were approved unanimously, he then gave the current financial report. We have a \$485.00 balance in the City budget line item and \$1823.29 in our Brick Fund. Out of the \$7143 Wildhorse Grant, in August we have paid an additional \$650 to Thacker Construction for his added necessary work on the water catch-basin while completing the new concrete surface work at the Weston Fountain. We now have a \$226.35 balance remaining from this Grant. We have \$505.45 remaining from the two Umatilla County grants for replacement trees in the park and flowers and flower baskets on Main Street and at the Mini-Park. This \$505.45 balance is comprised of the remaining \$111.45 for WCDC Main Street flowers and \$394 which was granted to the Weston Parks and Recreation Committee which the WCDC maintains in a joint committee City budget line item.

We discussed how best to repair the damaged covered wagon canvas. It was decided that buying new canvas paint to paint over the damaged area or to buy a new canvas section to cover the damaged section would not be suitable solutions. Jerry discussed buying a new, heavier (18 gauge) entire canvas cover for \$255 plus shipping from the Canyon City, Oregon vendor as the best solution. He has tried to clean the damaged canvas and the canvas paint to paintover the damaged area would cost an estimated \$100. Jim made a motion to have Jerry order a new canvas cover for \$255 plus shipping which will be paid by an anonymous donation, motion passed unanimously.

Jim reported that Thacker Construction had volunteered to donate their time and equipment to level the permanent site for the covered wagon at our request.

We discussed the final location for the covered wagon siting. As this area may become a new Mini-Park greeting area for Weston after we complete site construction, we should give this siting to the Weston Parks Dept. Tim reported that Laura Parada has requested a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Rick, Jim and Jerry were appointed to determine how large an area would be required for the covered wagon 12 x 52 building, parking, restrooms and other features desired at the covered wagon site. Lynn reported that the City will be commencing a \$10,000 resurfacing project on Williamson Road which may impact the wagon siting.

Sheldon discussed that the \$226.35 balance in the Wildhorse Grant could be expended to finalize this grant by purchasing rubber parking strip bumpers to protect the Weston Fountain area. These are the same type of parking bumpers that have been installed on north Franklin Street directly west of the Longbranch

Restaurant. Chuck made a motion to purchase four white rubber parking bumpers at \$63.00 each for \$252 plus shipping for the Fountain area to finalize the Wildhorse Grant, passed unanimously.

Sheldon reported that the Oregon Trail Interpretative Grant for \$20,000 plus 10% matching funds will be submitted on time by September 2. The 10% match can be "in-kind" donations. Part of this grant request will include security lighting and a camera costing approximately \$270. Chuck volunteered to donate a shorter power pole if needed for this project.

Jerry reported that he had investigated the 13 unit (+washroom) Senior Housing project constructed in Union, Oregon by Shockman Construction in 2003. This entire complex was built for less than \$1million.

Linda recommended that we should invite Stan Foster from PARC Associates to discuss the new Senior Housing project as he was a primary information resource for this project in 2003. We also discussed alternate Senior Housing siting.

It was discussed that we still have some remaining monies for historical signage in the Athena Gem Theater bank account. The exact amount was uncertain, Sheldon volunteered to investigate this situation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 7 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Chuck Price, Secretary-Treasurer