

WCDC Minutes for March 19, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Mary Lou Andrews, Rick Stephens, Lynn Delph, Sheldon Delph, Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Chuck Price, Julie Schuld absent due to sickness Lynn Delph served as substitute.

Tim Crampton read the February meeting minutes which were approved unanimously.

Tim reported that the Hodaka Club has given us a second \$300 grant which was deposited into our Brick Fund. Chuck will send the Hodaka Club a thank you note for their generous donation. Rick has purchased five long lasting light bulbs at Lowes for \$89.55 for the Main Street lights and has been reimbursed by the City clerk.

Tim reported that Thacker Construction has completed the the new ADA curbing concrete pours at the Weston Fountain and the project is a great improvement for the Fountain area.

Tim reported that it looks like we will not receive our banner grant request from the AWERES Committee.

We had an extended discussion regarding reduced grants from the AWERES Committee which has made an extensive commitment to the Athena-Weston School District for a new athletic track area and the Wildhorse Foundation's possible grant reductions due to the federal government's Sequester with reduced monies for the Tribal government.

Tim has spoken with Sam Tucker regarding our request that he completes a liability release document for Tim and Sherri Jackson for the siting of our covered wagon. Sam will complete this legal document for the WCDC. Lynn will work on getting a property legal description the first of next week for Sam.

Sheldon had talked with Jerry regarding the covered wagon siting and very possible Home Depot material donations. It was agreed that plastic sheeting should be laid under the site for weed control. Per Sheldon, Home Depot would provide this plastic sheeting and other materials on request. Sheldon needs a materials list for our donation request to Home Depot. Jerry wanted to get unscreened rock for the site's base. Chuck made a motion to appoint Jerry and Jim to put together a materials list, motion passed unanimously.

Sheldon reported that Hewlett Johnson (County Director for Economic Development) has given the WCDC a \$500 grant for the flower baskets and plants on Main Street. He also stated that Laura Parada from PARC would like to have a flower pot in front of the PARC building which she will maintain. It was thought that we had extra wine barrel pots near Central Station.

Tim volunteered to check with Loy at the City Shop to determine when will the City employees put out the flower pots. We are unsure how many are still usable as some have rotten wooden bottoms.

Lynn showed the group a catalog with possible ground cover flowers for the Heritage Wall area.

We discussed having banner arms made locally by the High School, BMCC, M&C Machine or Blue Mountain Welding to reduce the cost of purchase. Rick will get the correct measurements.

Chuck reported that Don Hollis (USDA Rural Development) is out of the office until April 1. Laura Parada did get Chuck more information regarding Gary Kopperud as a building designer for our Weston Senior Housing project. Chuck will try to contact Hollis and Kopperud for more information on this project before the April meeting.

We discussed our participation in the Weston Cleanup Days event should be placed on hold until after the April City Council meeting to determine what will be the City's involvement and will we have the funding to pay for our part of the large rented dumpster. We will discuss our participation in Cleanup Days further at the April meeting.

Sheldon made a motion to purchase a tree from the County's \$500 grant to be planted in a new tree well at the Fountain.

Sheldon presented a discussion regarding the pre-application that he had completed last week for a \$125,000 engineering study grant with the State Transportation Department to update the City's Transportation Growth Management Plan. These grant monies would be used for new sidewalks, bike paths, repaving Water Street, replacing water pipes, green ways, and water runoff plans. This completed project could total \$8-10 million at a cost of \$100,000 to the City. As the local tribes are very interested in the water runoff plans they may provide the City with \$100,000 for it's cost share responsibilities.

Lynn discussed the Pioneer Association's April 6 pulled pork sandwich and can drive fundraiser event at the Memorial Hall. A series of fundraiser events will be planned to raise monies designated for the local community development and improvement committees.

Meeting was adjourned, our next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013.

Respectively submitted,
Chuck Price, Secretary