

WCDC Meeting Minutes December 17, 2013

Members present: Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Sheldon Delph, Lyn Delph, Rick Stephens, Chuck Price, Mary Lou Andrews, Jim Davis, Dory Frison, Jerry Frison
Others: Bob Gilliland, John Holt

Chuck read the November meeting minutes which were approved.

Tim gave the financial report: The WCDC has \$1798.20 in the Brick Fund, \$53.45 in the trees and flowers subaccount, and \$410.22 in the City budget line item.

Sheldon reported that we needed to vote to accept a \$5000 grant received from the Oregon Historic Trails Fund. This is our first application for the covered wagon site and will be used for engineering, archeological, and historical surveys. Jim made a motion to accept this \$5000 grant which passed unanimously. Sheldon also reported that a \$27,000 grant request to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Division will be submitted this week. Next week he will request matching grant funds from the Wildhorse Foundation for \$20,000. This money will be used for a physical survey to purchase the land for the covered wagon site and signage for the buildings and archeological purposes.

Chuck will complete the final report to the Wildhorse Foundation for the new concrete surfaces and electrical work completed at the Fountain.

Sheldon reported that the 2014 AWERE grant applications are available now to be turned by January 31. The total funding was increased by 25% and our best chance to receive a grant is in the \$1000-\$1250 request range. Chuck will turn in a new grant request to complete the electrical work at the Mini-Park.

The remainder of the meeting was utilized to discuss the new \$125,000 Water Street Refinement grant. This money will be used to formulate a 20-year transportation plan within the community. The plan will incorporate senior transport to the new senior center, kids to school, how to plan if any of the city's bridges are damaged, planning new sidewalks, future bus parking for the CTUIR shuttle bus, a master park plan and the Oregon Trails Interpretive Site. As all of the community's inputs are due to the ODOT office in La Grande this week Sheldon has scheduled a joint meeting with all the City committees and the City Council this Thursday. These final community inputs must be approved by the City Council on January 8. Final work bids will go out in February as four contractors must be hired by March 1.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21 at 7 pm. This will be a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Historic Landmarks Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Price, WCDC Secretary-Treasurer