

WCDC Minutes for May 8, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Sheldon Delph, Lynn Delph, Jerry Frison, Rick Stephens, Mary Lou Andrews, Chuck Price.

Guests: Peggy Reichert, Laura Parada (from PARC), Vicki Bender

Liaison: Julie Schulz

Tim led a discussion on purchasing flowers for the Main Street flower baskets and wine barrels. Linda reported that at Michael's Crafts in Portland silk flowers cost \$15/bunch and that each basket would require two bunches. Thus the cost would result in \$30/basket. Jerry made a motion to have Rick research artificial flower prices at Costco, motion passed unanimously.

Lynn reported that many of our flower barrels had rotten wooden bottoms. Julie knows a person who would sell us used wine barrels for \$4/barrel and will also cut them into two halves for us. Julie has creeping phlos she is willing to donate. Linda reported that Home Depot has perennials costing three bunches for \$9.99. Jim made a motion for Linda to buy 27 perennials for nine barrels costing \$29.97/barrel, motion passed unanimously. A flower committee was established with members Rick, Linda, Peggy, Vicki and Tim.

Chuck led a discussion regarding including the Thrift Closet, Food Pantry and Police Dept offices in the proposed new Senior Housing. Carolyn Thomas had stated to Chuck that they are not interested in moving from the Methodist Church at this time. Other members questioned including the Police Dept due to late night call-outs and temporarily holding criminal suspects. Chuck will talk with Chet Mills to determine if the Food Pantry would be interested in future space. It was decided that we should query the City Council as to whether they will support new low-income Senior Housing in Weston and would the vacant lot at the corner of Main Street and North Franklin St be available for donation to the project. Motion was made for Chuck to approach the City Council on these two questions. It was also decided that we also should also start to look for other locations around town for this project. We decided on a two-story, seven unit building with a common area for family and group meetings. We remain open to providing space for other local agencies and groups.

Laura Parada led a discussion regarding potential funding for the new Senior Housing. She stated that periodically there are federal low-income community block grants for \$200,000. Other federal grants are available through the Confederated Tribes. She reported that a feasibility study from PARC would be estimated at \$2000. Laura stated that the Ford Foundation may have grants with 20% local match for up to \$5000. There are also grants available for green energy projects, ie. Solar, etc. Sometimes these grants dollar-wise are breakeven or have surplus dollars over project expenses.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 at 7 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Chuck Price, WCDC Secretary