

**MINUTES OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
ARLINGTON TOMORROW FOUNDATION
January 16, 2014**

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Advisory Committee convened in Special Session on January 16, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Briefing Room, Third Floor of the City Hall Building, 101 West Abram Street, Arlington, Texas, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 551, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mike Gerro
Connie Kerr
Fabian Medrano
Shirley Patterson
Steve Zimmer

And

Carolyn Montesana, Executive Director
Karen Roberts, Grants Coordinator
Tina Stewart, City Secretary's Office
Jennifer Wichmann, Director of Management Resources

I. Call to Order:

Carolyn Montesana, Executive Director of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and stated that the following items would be discussed.

II. Approval of December 9, 2013 committee meeting minutes

Committee member Mike Gerro made a motion to approve December 9, committee meeting minutes. Seconded by committee member Fabian Medrano, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

III. Identify two members to serve a one-year term

Committee member Steve Zimmer made a motion to approve the selection identifying Fabian Medrano and Shirley Patterson as the two members to serve a one-year term. Seconded by committee member Fabian Medrano, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

IV. Elect Advisory Committee Chair

Committee member Connie Kerr nominated Steve Zimmer as committee chair. The committee members agreed. There was no motion or votes made.

V. Discussion of pending Letters of Inquiry and selection of applications which will be recommended to board for final proposals and for grant consideration

The Advisory Committee made a motion and agreed to recommend the following actions on the proposals for grant awards to the board:

FINAL APPLICATIONS:

Lifestyle, Leisure and Culture Category:

1. Arlington Master Chorale – 2014 Spring Concert Series: award a grant of \$10,000 (Arts & Culture category)
2. COA-Library – Technology for Young Children: award a grant of \$24,300 (Libraries categories)
3. Symphony Arlington – Golden Ticket Program: award \$6,500 (Strong category)
4. Arlington Community Band – Drumming-up Music: pass on the request of \$20,515; ask the group to return at a later date if there are funds remaining in the Arts & Culture category

Nature & Animals Category:

1. COA-Animal Services – Addition to Building for Pet Assessments and Photography: award a grant of \$62,000 (Animal category)

People and Neighborhoods Category:

1. Arlington Life Shelter – After Care Services: award a \$10,000 grant (Youth & Families category); offered as a ‘challenge grant’ and as ‘last money in’ on the project
2. Cancer Care Services – Cancer Navigation Connection: defer request, if funding is available at the end of the fiscal year, invite the organization to reapply
3. Catholic Charities – Immigration Services Office: award a \$50,000 grant (Strong category); grant provided exclusively for the first year of the operation and future grant may not exceed 25% of future program costs
4. Child Study Center – Children’s Care Fund: Pass
5. COA – Graffiti Abatement – Good Neighbor Revitalization; Pass
6. Grace Lutheran Church – Good Neighbor-Revitalization: award a grant of \$137,600 from multiple categories (Beautification: \$47,600/Strong: \$65,000/Youth & Families: \$25,000)

7. Junior League of Arlington – Technology Improvement; Pass
8. Tarrant County College Foundation – The Seamless Paths Program: Pass; committee wishes to encourage TCCC to come back with a different request
9. Trinity Habitat for Humanity – 2014 Build a Home: Pass
10. University of Texas University – Technology Academy award \$25,000 (Libraries category)

LETTERS OF INQUIRY (LOI):

Lifestyle, Leisure and Culture Category:

1. Arlington Museum of Art – Ansel Adams – The Masterworks: invite a final proposal
2. COA- Parks & Recreation – Passenger Bus: invite a final proposal
3. Heroes of South Vietnam Memorial Foundation – War Memorial: invite final proposal

Nature & Animals Category:

1. Arlington Classics Academy – Outdoor Learning Center: invite final proposal
2. Emerald Park Neighborhood Organization – Emerald Park Entrance Enhancements: pass

People Category:

1. Big Brothers Big Sisters – Faith-based Partnership: Pass
2. The Women’s Heart dba Grace after Fire – Table talk: Color Me Camo: invite final proposal
3. Lena Pope Home – Family Matters Counseling: Pass
4. Make-A-Wish Foundation – Wish Granting: Pass
5. Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Texas, Inc. – Foster Parent Recruiting: Pass
6. The Women’s Center of Tarrant County – Crisis & Counseling Program: invite a final proposal
3. Wesley United Methodist Church (formerly Aldersgate UMC) – ESL Classes for Adults: invite a final proposal

VI. Executive Director’s report

- a. Review application/LOI procedures
- b. Sample regret Letter
 - No discussion

VII. Future Agenda Items

- The next committee meeting scheduled for February 13, 2014

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Steve Zimmer, Chair

ATTEST:

Tina Stewart, City Secretary's Office