

**MINUTES OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
ARLINGTON TOMORROW FOUNDATION
April 24, 2014**

The Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Advisory Committee convened in Special Session on April 24, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parks Board Room, Arlington Parks & Recreation Building, 717 N. Main 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
Stephen Zimmer

And

Trey Yelverton, City Manager, Ex-officio member
Carolyn Mentasana, Executive Director
Karen Roberts, Grants Coordinator
Jennifer Wichmann, Director, Management Resources
Tina Stewart, City Secretary's Office

I. Call to Order:

Stephen Zimmer, Advisory Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. and stated that the following items would be discussed.

II. Approval of March 6, 2014 Committee meeting minutes

Committee member Shirley Patterson made a motion to approve the March 6, 2014 Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Committee member Stephen Zimmer, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. **(APPROVED)**

III. Briefing by Parks and Recreation Department priorities and programming

Lemuel Randolph, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department's structure and decision making process. Matt Young, Assistant Director of Park Operations and Planning, Parks and Recreation Department, briefed the Committee on the Parks and Recreation Department's priorities and programming.

IV. Report to Committee on Foundation board activities

Carolyn Mentesana, Executive Director, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, updated the Committee on the Boards actions from the February 25, 2014, March 4, 2014 and March 18, 2014 meetings. The Board will review actions taken today during the next Board meeting scheduled for May 13, 2014.

V. Consider pending Letters of Inquiry and settle on recommendations to Board for grant awards

Final Applications:

Lifestyle, Leisure and Culture Category:

1. Arlington Museum of Art – Ansel Adams Masterworks: recommendation to award a grant of \$35,000 (Arts & Culture Category) **Vote: 5-0**
2. COA-Parks and Recreation – Passenger Bus: recommendation to award a grant of \$100,000 (Parks & Recreation Category) **Vote: 5-0**
3. COA-Community Development and Planning Department: recommendation to award a grant of \$15,000 (Environment & Energy Category) **Vote: 5-0**
4. COA-Parks and Recreation – Build-A-Dream Scholarship Program: recommendation to award a grant of \$30,000 (Parks and Recreation Category) **Vote: 5-0**
5. COA-Parks and Recreation – Vandergriff Skate Park Lighting: recommendation to award a grant of \$130,000 (Parks and Recreation Category) **Vote: 5-0**
6. COA-Parks and Recreation – Bob McFarland Playground Replacement: recommendation to award a grant of \$100,000 (Parks and Recreation Category) **Vote: 5-0**
7. Friends of the Levitt Pavilion Arlington – 2014 Children’s Concert Series: (member Zimmer recused himself from the vote) – recommendation to award a grant of \$40,000 from multiple categories (Arts & Culture: \$20,000/Youth & Families \$10,000/Strong \$10,000) **Vote: 4-0-1**
8. Heroes of South Vietnam Memorial Foundation – War Memorial: recommendation to award a grant of \$50,000 (Historic Preservation Category) and a recommendation to the Foundation Board to consider funding out of the reserve fund. **Vote: 5-0**

People and Neighborhoods Category:

1. Make-A-Wish Foundation – Wish Granting: recommendation to award a grant of \$10,000 (Youth and Families Category) **Vote: 5-0**
2. The WARM Place – Arlington Family Grief Support Program: recommendation to award a grant of \$15,000 (Youth and Families Category) **Vote: 5-0**
3. The Women’s Center of Tarrant County – Crisis & Counseling Program: recommendation to award a grant of \$20,000 (Safe Neighborhood Category) **Vote: 5-0**

Letters of Inquiry:

Lifestyle, Leisure and Culture Category:

1. Video Association of Dallas – Native Film Screenings at UTA – Decline to invite final application **Vote: 5-0**

Nature & Animals Category:

1. Spay Neuter Network (Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project) – Fixin’ Felines – invite final application **Vote: 5-0**

People Category:

1. Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington – Project Learn - (member Gerro recused himself from the vote) – invite final application **Vote: 4-0-1**
2. Community Partners of Tarrant County, Inc. – Safety First-Arlington – invite final application **Vote: 5-0**
3. Grace Presbyterian – Story Time – Decline to invite final application **Vote: 5-0**
4. HOPE Tutoring – Community Partners for Reading (CPR) – Decline to invite final application **Vote: 5-0**
5. The Arbors of Arlington – The Arbors-Community Transform – Decline to invite final application **Vote: 5-0**
6. The Parenting Center – Parenting Education Program in Schools – invite final application with clarification on the financial and enrollment information **Vote: 5-0**

VI. Report on grantees

- Carolyn Montesana, Executive Director, Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, reported on the Grace Lutheran Church contract. The congregation has agreed to work on the material milestone to raise \$50,000. The construction began April 6, 2014, with a completion date of April 7, 2015.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- The next Committee meeting will be on May 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Stephen Zimmer, Chair

ATTEST:

Mary W. Supino, City Secretary