

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 4, 2022

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham

City Staff: John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Tracey York, Michele Brown, Amber Box, Doug Potts

Guests: Mayor Jerry Brown

Absent: Councilman Michael Curtis

Media: Darrell Maurina

1. **Call to Order and Citizen Comments** – Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. No citizen comments.
2. **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 3, 2021. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Economic Development Coordinator- Introduction-** Mr. Doyle introduced Doug Potts, our Economic Development Coordinator.
4. **National Fitness Campaign Grant- Outdoor Fitness Court-** Mr. Doyle stated that the National Fitness Campaign Grant was applied for. The City has received notification that we were selected to receive this grant for an outdoor fitness court. The grant will fund \$25,000 and City will need to fund the remainder amount of \$115,000. The breakdown and timeline of project was provided to the committee.
 - i. **Potential Funding Options-** Mr. Doyle discussed funding options with the committee. The Park budget has end of year remaining balance of \$300,000 so funds are available to cover the remaining amount. Mr. Doyle would like to entertain the idea of going after sponsorships as well like we did with the Little Heroes Playground. However, if zero are interested there is funding available out of the Park budget. Mr. Doyle stated that grants are great but you have to have funding already in place to cover the remainder of project. Chairman Rice questioned insurance coverage. Mr. Doyle stated it would be no different from the playgrounds. There will be monthly and weekly inspections performed to stay in compliance with insurance. The Committee made recommendation to move forward with the Outdoor Fitness Court and take information to Park Board to get approved.
5. **LWCF Grant- renovations on Splash Pad-** Mr. Doyle stated that the Splash Pad is aging and needs to be updated. There are some features underground that have broken, there have been leaks and certain features have had to be shut off during use while only running part of the Splash pad. The LWCF grant gives the City a possibility of a way to make these improvements. Councilman Farnham stated that it sounds like we need to dig it up and replace the whole thing.
6. **Business Spotlight-** January- Haute Dawgs
7. **Special Events-** Big BAM- June 15, 2022. Hogs and Frogs- September 23-25.
8. **Other Business-** Mr. Doyle stated that he is looking forward for this Committee to grow. We have a good team and will be bringing a lot to this committee this year.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Farnham made a motion to enter into closed session. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:32pm.

Councilman Farnham made a motion to return to open session. Chairman Rice seconded that motion. Committee returned to open session at 6:33pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on February 1, 2022 at 5:00pm