

**Councilmember David Ryu
Discretionary Funds Task Force**

Special Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 11, 2017—6:00pm

Will & Ariel Durant Library, 7140 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046

I. WELCOME

Chair to the Task Force, Anastasia Mann welcomes everyone and called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

6 members present

Anastasia Mann – Chair

Bob Anderson

Nahtahna Cabanes

George Skarpelos

Owen Smith

Julie Stromberg

2 members absent

Ken Fritz (excused)

Richard Bogy – Vice Chair

III. MINUTES

- a. Approve minutes from 5/2/17 meeting

Motion: To approve minutes

Moved: Mann

Seconded: Smith

Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comments

V. COUNCIL OFFICE LIAISON UPDATES

Nicholas Greif, *Council District 4 Policy Director*

- a. Review of current Discretionary Fund balances
- i. Just under a million and a half in Discretionary funds
- b. Review of Discretionary Funds expenses tracker and committed funds
- i. Los Feliz STEMM Tunnel – identified CRA dollars, tentative agreement from CD13, each devote \$90,000
- c. LA Pride went off without a hitch

VI. OFFICER ELECTIONS

- a. Chair Election
- i. Anastasia Mann nominated (Skarpelos) and re-elected by acclamation.
- b. Vice-Chair Election

- i. Richard Bogy nominated (Smith) and re-elected by acclamation.

VII. REVIEW LARGE EXPENDITURE REQUESTS (vote for or against recommendation)

Applicants may attend to present testimony (3 minutes max) and background information as well as be available to answer questions from the Task Force

a. Theatre West (\$5,000)

This training program for actors and kids is asking for funds towards an event, Storybook Theatre, for kids in local schools. The local neighborhood council has awarded them more money in the past. The \$5,000 they request is for the event, including overhead. This brought into question whether the DFTF is a committee that will fund nonprofits.

Motion: Approve funding for the program up to \$5000

Moved: Stromberg Seconded: Smith

Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

b. Silver Lake Picture Show (\$5,000)

Not on the agenda, Nicholas Fox Robbins presented to the DFTF on the Silver Lake Picture Show, taking place in the Sunset Triangle Plaza. It is a free outdoor movie screening for popular movies that are introduced by short film made by a local filmmaker, which is introduced by the filmmaker. On July 20, in collaboration with Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, Silver Lake Picture Show is collaborating with Girls Play LA to support female athletes and to raise money and awareness to help girls join sports leagues. This event is in CD13, but a lot of attendees come from CD4. Silver Lake as a community is split between CD4 and CD13, and thus many attendees from CD4 cross over to this event. CD13 is currently the largest supporter and donated \$5,000 this year and has been supporting them for the past 5 years. Silver Lake Neighborhood Council had voted to fund them, but decided not to due to bureaucratic processes. The \$5,000 they are requesting from CD4 is not solely for this event, but all future events in general. This event takes place 1/8 of a mile from the district, and there was discussion on how much should be donated for an event that is not occurring in the district. DFTF suggested to Robbins to send flyers about the event to CD4 Neighborhood Councils and to invite Councilmember Ryu to attend one of the showings.

Straw Poll: Approve funding for the program up to \$4,900 to match the A/V line item amount.

Vote: General support, no official vote because it is not on the agenda due to an agenda error.

VIII. REVIEW DRAFT PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Task Force reviewed the new presentation guidelines to assist future presenters requesting funds at the Task Force. Task Force approved of the guidelines.

IX. REVIEW PRIOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AND UPDATES

a. Approved

i. Mural at 15122 Ventura Blvd.

Mural cost is split between the Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation and CD4. CD4 has set aside \$20,000-25,000 through DCA to do public art in Sherman Oaks. For this mural, DCA estimates it will cost \$30,000-35,000. However, Beautify Earth, which is painting the wall, quoted the project at \$8,000-9,000. Due to this discrepancy, the Sherman Oaks Chamber Foundation asked CD4 for assistance, and discretionary funds are going to cover half the final cost.

ii. Matilija Block Party Permit Fees

\$653.60 for permit fees.

iii. “The Big Feast” Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

\$100 for a dinner table for 10 youth

iv. Community Garden Open House

\$200 for an open house

v. Masselin Ave Block Party

\$700 for permit fees

vi. The Source at The Durant Branch Library

\$1200 for meals to volunteers

vii. Brookside Block Party

\$1000 for food activities and entertainment.

viii. Griffith Park Half Marathon and 5K

Sponsorship at \$1000

ix. Fourth of July Block Party for Lillian/Cahuenga/Wilcox

\$712.44 for permit fees

x. Taste of Larchmont

\$1000 for printing costs

b. Deferred

i. Crosswalk installation in Toluca Lake

Deferred to Field Offices to handle through DOT

ii. Cahuenga School

An event where the Councilmember went to speak to students, but the event was not in the district.

X. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of old or new business

i. Request for a spreadsheet to show what discretionary funds has gone towards in the past.

ii. Some requests in the past that have amount requested \$0, amount approved \$0. In those cases they were only requesting tables and chairs.

b. Community updates

- i. Griffith Park Day of Service Saturday 8/19. CD4 committed tables and chairs for an event that is estimating 600-700 people. Councilmember will be there and speaking briefly. The event is for serving homeless.

Meeting adjourned.