

Councilmember David Ryu
Discretionary Funds Task Force

Special Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 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

Richard Body – Vice Chair

Nahtahna Cabanes

George Skarpelos

Julie Stromberg

2 members absent

Ken Fritz (excused)

Owen Smith

III. MINUTES

a. Approve minutes from 7/11/17 meeting

Motion: To approve minutes as corrected.

Moved: Mann

Seconded: Stromberg

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comments

V. COUNCIL OFFICE LIAISON UPDATES

Nicholas Greif, *Council District 4 Policy Director*

a. Review of revised Discretionary Funding Request Form

b. Review of current Discretionary Funds balances

c. Review of Discretionary Funds expenses tracker and committed funds.

d. Discuss proposal for discretionary funding of speed humps requests not funded by DOT during the current speed hump pilot program.

i. LADOT provided a roll-out pilot program for speed humps where they have approved a total of nine projects in Council District Four with only two project funded. Each speed hump requires funding of roughly \$10,000. There is general support from the Task Force to fund all seven approved speed hump projects in Council District Four.

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

a. Los Feliz BID Trash Cans (\$14,000)

- i. Item tabled for future Task Force meeting.

b. Sherman Oaks Street Fair (\$7,600)

- i. The Sherman Oaks Street Fair is requesting \$7,600 which is 50% of the \$15,200 total cost. The increase in the amount compared to last year is due to updated safety protocols recommended by the LAPD. These new safety protocols will ensure public safety for all of the attendees. The street fair promotes businesses in Sherman Oaks, attracts around 100,000 people citywide, and provides more exposure of Sherman Oaks. This street fair provides a profit to the Chamber, but the profits are used to subsidize all other events scheduled throughout the year. The task force requests to see profit logs

Motion: To approve the funding request of \$7,600.

Moved: Skarpelos **Second:** Cabanes

Vote: Approved unanimously

c. Exceptional Minds Computer Replacement (\$7,500)

- i. Exceptional Minds is a career development academy that focuses on high-end computer programs to prepare students with autism for a professional life. The academy charges a tuition price of \$27,000 per student, but that tuition covers administrative and operational costs. The organization is requesting funds to replace three technologically outdated computers. This organization is located in Sherman Oaks inside CD4 and serves its residents as well as the greater City of Los Angeles. As an academy for students experiencing disabilities, this is a substantial benefit to local families who are seeking career development for their children.

Motion: To fund Exceptional Minds to replace their aging computers which would aid the organization which supports and aids the students and families of CD4.

Moved: Stromberg **Second:** Skarpelos

Vote: Approved Unanimously

d. LA Ballet (\$5,000)

- i. Item tabled for future Task Force meeting.

VII. REVIEW PRIOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AND UPDATES

Review Council Office documents on discretionary spending since last meeting.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of old or new business, announcements & community updates.

Meeting adjourned.