

Councilmember David Ryu
Discretionary Funds Task Force

Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 4, 2018—6:00pm

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

I. WELCOME

Nahtahna Cabanes, Chair, welcomes everyone and called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

7 members present

Nahtahna Cabanes

Tami Kagan-Abrams

Paulette Light

George Skarpelos

G. Jesse Smith

Liza Temple

Ken Fritz

2 members absent

Brian Pendleton

Julie Stromberg

II. MINUTES

a. Approve minutes from 10/02/18 meeting.

Motion -- To approve the minutes of the 10/02/18 meeting with an amendment to include

Moved: *Cabanes*

Second: *Fritz*

Vote: *Approved unanimously.*

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comments

IV. COUNCIL OFFICE LIAISON UPDATES

Andrew Suh, *Council District 4 Legislative Deputy*

- The funding for “Future of Cities” was reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.
- Term limits for four seats (Cabanes, Skarpelos, Fritz, and Stromberg) will be reached at the February meeting and CD 4 is in the process of promoting the application to find more constituents interested in becoming a member of the task force.
- 2019 meeting dates: February 5th; April 2nd; June 4th; August 6th; October 1st; December 3rd

V. REVIEW LARGE EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

a. **Clean Streets, Clean Starts (\$5,000)**

This program administered by Don Larson, a volunteer, accepts donations to provide breakfast and a grocery market gift card as compensation to individuals experiencing homelessness that assist in neighborhood cleanups. The program is typically a 6 week program that employs a number of individuals experiencing homelessness around the target neighborhood. The gift card

cannot be used to buy alcohol or cigarettes. The cleanup occurs twice a week and three hours per day.

Motion: To recommend to the Council office the support of the requested \$5,000 in funding.

Moved: *Skarpelos* **Second:** *Fritz*

Vote: Approved unanimously.

b. MySafe LA (\$7,000)

The organization provides NCs, HOAs, neighborhoods, and schools with information on emergency preparedness and home safety devices. They have also added a new segment on fireworks FAQ. The funding will be used for educational materials and outreach to CD 4 communities and organizations.

Motion: To recommend to the Council office the support of the requested \$7,000 in funding.

Moved: *Kagan* **Second:** *Cabanes*

Vote: Approved unanimously.

c. Visual Artist Group (\$7,630)

The organization is located in CD 13 and the lead artist requested funding for materials and venue space. After further discussion, the individual did not demonstrate the ability to enter into a contract with the City so the funding request was lowered to under \$5,000. After the presentation, the task force has decided to table the request inasmuch the presentation did not fully answer their questions and/or concerns.

Motion: To receive and file.

VI. REVIEW PRIOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AND UPDATES

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 4th, 2018