

Councilmember David Ryu Discretionary Funds Task Force

Council District 4 Discretionary Funds Task Force
General Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2016—6:00PM
Will & Ariel Durant Library, 7140 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046

1. Welcome, Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

6 members present

Bob Anderson-
Richard Bogy-
Anastasia Mann-
Krista Michaels-
Owen Smith-
Ron Ziff-

3 members absent

Cindy Chvatal
Lucy Gonzalez
Chris Laib

3. Minutes

- a) Approved minutes from 9/15/16

Motion: To approve minutes.

Moved: Bogy Secoded: Smith

Vote: Minutes approved unanimously.

4. General Public Comment

No members of the public present, satisfying the general public comment.

5. Council Office Liaison Updates

Nicholas Greif, Council District 4 Policy Director

- Discussed the changeover of around half of the task force for the new calendar year and will finalize which members decided to stay for another term and which members will be vacating a seat for new task force members.
- Discussed following up on approved discretionary fund expenditures and decided to hand pick a couple large sum discretionary awards for the task force to follow up and report back on the use of funds.

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- Proposed an exemption of an organization filling out a full discretionary funds request form if they are only requesting tables and chairs to the said maximum limit of 10 tables and 100 chairs. Organizations requesting the maximum amount of tables and chairs as well as other items will still need to fill out the full form.

6. Review Revised Discretionary Funds Project Request Form

- a) Review the revised Discretionary Funds Project Request Application form and potentially make recommendations if needed.

DISCUSSION: The changes that were discussed at the last meeting are now reflected. There needs to be a question if the event is a fundraising event/request. Add a small italicized explanation to for the request 'permit fee subsidization'. Change 'permit fee subsidization' into layman's terms.

7. Review Prior Discretionary Funding and Updates

- a) Review Council Office documents on discretionary spending since last meeting.

DISCUSSION: Every neighborhood watch is vetted by our field deputies before the approval of a discretionary funds request. CD4 is trying to determine where to place the live version of the discretionary spending tracker.

8. Review and Recommend DFTE Review Policies for Specified Expenditures

DISCUSSION: No other policies to add at the moment.

9. Review and Choose Whether or Not to Recommend Large Expenditure Requests

- a) **Highland Medians (\$40,000)**
- a. **Presentation:** Ferris, *President of the Rotary Club*: Requesting funding to support the construction of 2 medians (1 large median in CD4 and 1 smaller median in CD13) located on Highland between Fountain and Sunset. They are planning to include drought resistant plants that require little maintenance within the median as well as a drip irrigation system. With the calculated cost of maintenance and construction, the total is \$103,512 and the rotary club has raised \$32,256 and now is in need of \$71,256. Asking CD4 for \$40,000 to cover the larger median and will ask CD13 to cover \$31,256 for the smaller median.
 - b. **Motion:** To fund \$40,000 for the landscape project on the basis of cooperating with CD13 on the remainder of the funds and funds only to be released after approval by CD13.
 - i. *Moved: Ziff* *Seconded: Smith*
 - c. **Vote:** Motion Approved Unanimously

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- b) **Friends of Franklin Elementary (\$8,000)**
- a. **Presentation:** Erica, *Parent*: Requesting funding to support the children’s art display program at the upper level of the school. These custom built frames with a color wash that will be secured onto the wall with shatterproof plexiglass. \$7,500 will fund one rotation for the arts program, so if they were to fund this rotation by themselves, they will have to withdraw funding from another student program.
 - b. **Motion:** Move to approve the \$8,000 expenditure for the art frames.
 - i. *Moved: Laib* *Seconded: Michaels*
 - c. **Vote:** Motion Approved Unanimously
- c) **Toluca Lake Holiday Caroling (\$5,000)**
- a. **Presentation:** Peter, *President of the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce*: The Open House is a big event that happens the first Friday night of December that serves an area larger than CD4. The operation cost for this year would be around \$15,000 and they’ve received a commitment of up to \$6,000 so far and is reaching out to the Task Force for monetary help.
 - b. **Motion:** To support the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce for their Annual Toluca Lake Open House for \$5,000
 - i. *Moved: Smith* *Seconded: Ziff*
 - c. **Vote:** Motion Approved Unanimously (*Bogy recused*)

Meeting adjourned.