

Councilmember David Ryu
Discretionary Funds Task Force

Council District 4 Discretionary Funds Task Force
General Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2017—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 welcomes everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

6 members present

Anastasia Mann – Chair

Richard Bogy – Vice Chair

Bob Anderson

Nahtahna Cabanes

Owen Smith

Julie Stromberg

2 members absent

Ken Fritz (excused)

George Skarpelos

3. Minutes

a) Approved minutes from 3/7/17

Corrections:

Ken Fritz present at the meeting

Note that item 6A was tabled

Nahtahna Cabanes recused herself from discussion of item 6B

6D request denied

7A Google has capital G

8A Must specify if for school or in general

Future Notes:

When someone comes in late or recusing him/herself from the meeting, note when he/she has left and returned. Some members feel this is unnecessary unless there is a vote.

NOTE: At this time (6:10pm), George Skarpelos arrived making 7 members present.

Motion: To approve corrected minutes

Moved: Bogy

Seconded: Cabanes

Vote: Minutes approved unanimously

4. General Public Comment

No general public comments

5. Council Office Liaison Updates

Nicholas Greif, *Council District 4 Director of Policy & Legislation*

- a) Updates of Discretionary Fund balances, expenses tracker, and committed funds
- b) Chris Laib has resigned from the board due to time commitments
- c) Reminder that IdentityLA is taking place
- d) Reminder that officer elections will be at the next meeting

6. Review Large Expenditure Requests

a) LA Equine Advisory Committee (\$10,000)

This city-appointed committee oversees a public equestrian area in Griffith Park. Requested that the announcer's and food service booths in Martinez Arena be cleaned and refurbished with roofs. Needed exact quotes for costs, so the discussion was tabled for the Recreation & Parks Department.

Tabled: By consensus of the Task Force and the applicant with a request from the Task Force for the applicant to work with CD4 on the facility concerns raised.

b) Reel to Reel Global Youth Festival (\$5,000)

This organization is developmental agency for youth in South Los Angeles, mainly in Watts and Compton. The Reel to Reel Festival is an exhibition platform for youth to showcase their media projects and will take place in Council District 4. Funds would pay for a program that partners foster youth with older youth mentors who equip them with skills for the arts and film industry.

Motion: Approve funding for the program up to \$5000, contingent on how it benefits Council District 4

Moved: Smith Seconded: Bogy

Vote: Minutes approved with 6 votes in favor and 1 against.

c) Los Feliz STEMM School Pedestrian Tunnel Design (\$35,000)

A pedestrian tunnel around Hollywood Blvd. is enclosed with a cage that attracts a homeless population. Constituents were concerned about the safety of children who walk to school through this pedestrian tunnel and requested the cage be removed. Half the cage is located in Council District 13 (total project reportedly costs \$70,000).

Motion: The Task Force concurs with the concept of using discretionary funds to increase the probability of getting the pedestrian tunnel filled and recommends up to \$10,000 for design of the project.

Moved: Anderson Seconded: Stromberg

Amending Motion: To add to the main motion – “Funds should be disbursed if matched in-kind by CD13 whose district covers the southern half of the tunnel. Further requests that CD4 work with Bureau of Engineering to obtain a complete bid and return that bid to the Task Force.

Moved: Mann Secoded: Bogy

Vote on the Amending Motion: Motion approved unanimously.

Vote on the Main Motion as Amended: Motion approved unanimously.

d) LA Pride #ResistMarch (\$25,000)

This particular march also encompasses human rights and will partially take place in Council District 4. The funds would cover infrastructural costs such as Porta Potties and water stations in the district.

Motion: Approve recommendation of \$15,000 in funds for public safety and event costs related to activities occurring within the 4th District.

Moved: Stromberg Secoded: Anderson

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Recess general meeting at 7:48pm and call to order a separate special meeting.

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Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2017—6:30pm

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1. Welcome, Call to Order

Chair to the Task Force Anastasia Mann calls the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

7 members present

Anastasia Mann – Chair

Richard Bogy – Vice Chair

Bob Anderson

Nahtahna Cabanes

George Skarpelos

Owen Smith

Julie Stromberg

1 member absent

Ken Fritz (excused)

3. Review Large Expenditure Requests

Griffith Park Shakespeare Festival (\$6016.57)

Requested support for Porta Potties for the whole season.

Motion: Approve funds of \$6016.57 to cover cost of Porta Potties

Moved: Bogy Secoded: Smith

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Recess special meeting and call back to order the general meeting at 7:54pm.

7. Review Prior Discretionary Funding and Updates

a) Bancroft

Issued additional \$500, totaled \$1500.

b) Mural at 15122 Ventura Blvd.

Mural in Sherman Oaks if paid by Department of Cultural Affairs would cost around \$35,000-50,000. Sherman Oaks requested half the funds needed to instead pay for the mural using a non-profit (~\$4,500).

Suspend rest of agenda, meeting adjourned.