

GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE

January 27, 2015

9:00 PM

City of Wyoming

City Manager's Conference Room 2nd Floor

I ROLL CALL

Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Jim Carmody, Paul Wegener, Tamara Lopez,
Jack Sluiter, Curtis Holt, Jeff Koeze,

Guest: Nancy Bazan

Absent: Kent Vanderwood

Open Positions: 2

II PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

December 16, 2014

A motion by Sluiter, with second by Lopez to approve the December 16, 2014 meeting minutes was made. Motion carried unanimously.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Finance

Bob Luders was ill and not able to attend. Carmody indicated that he is working with the Clerk's office to secure his appointment to the Board as the Treasurer.

Bazan distributed the written report for the period July 1, 2014 through January 26, 2015. Net assets of the General Fund are \$50,605.76. The Wyoming Youth Coalition funds were noted for the final time as they are approved for transfer into the General Fund due to the Coalition's disbandment.

A motion by Lopez, seconded by Holt to approve the report as presented was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants for

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Nominations for new board members – Continued Discussion

Carmody reported we are in need of candidates. Lopez indicated her friend who is an attorney remains interested. Her name is Elizabeth Reyes-Rosario. She is an attorney and practices out of Wyoming (The Grand Rapids Law Group) She also runs a tax business office in Wyoming (Unico) and her and her husband own a restaurant in Wyoming (Maya). Rynbrandt affirmed that she has provided Elizabeth the application form.

V NEW BUSINESS
A. 2015 Carnival

Rynbrandt shared that the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department has once again secured a carnival. TJ Schmidt Carnival replaces the previous carnival that was sold. The carnival will arrive on April 20 for set up and will be open to the public April 24 through May 3.

Board members are asked to recommend sites for 2016. It is highly likely that the former Studio 28 site will be under construction this fall.

Carmody and Holt suggested that a site security plan be reviewed by the Police Department. Rynbrandt will direct her staff to work with the Police Department in this regard. If a police presence is suggested by the Police Department, a determination of cost will need to be made and consideration of funding such services.

B. Parks and Recreation Scholarships

Rynbrandt reported that 85 scholarships have been awarded year to date at a value of \$2,215.75. This continues the doubling of demand as families become more aware of the opportunity.

Holt asked if scholarships could be made for children seeking to participate in non-city parks and recreation department sponsored programs. Rynbrandt indicated no, not at this time.

C. Grantee Updates 2014

Rynbrandt distributed a report indicating the status of final grantee reporting from CY 2014. All grantees have submitted reports with the exception of: Godfrey Lee Public Schools (GFLPS) – All Day Everyday Program, Wyoming Public Schools Orchestra, Kelloggsville Public Schools Archery, Silent Observer, and UCOM.

Rynbrandt has notified via email of the final year end reports. Carmody will make a personal call to GFLPS and Silent Observer.

VI ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Increase of Scholarship Funding

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Wegener to add \$2,500 to the scholarship program providing for a total of \$5,000 for budgetary expense for FY 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Rynbrandt shared that the Wyoming Parks & Recreation Department is working with the Wyoming Community Foundation and Grand Rapids Community Foundation to develop a scholarship awareness special event for October. Most families are unaware that there are over 1,400 education scholarships available for traditional and non-traditional educational opportunities through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

Wegener shared updated information on the Mercantile Bank Giving Together Grant program. The program's second quarter emphasis area is Community & Economic Development, and the 3rd quarter targets Health & Human Services. He explained the granting program. Awards are \$5,000. He will bring additional materials to the next meeting.

Carmody updated the board on the Shop with a Cop Program; highlighting in particular the Koeze donation which assisted in expanding the program. Walmart did an outstanding job of support as well, including donating wrapping services. Also, the Wyoming Animal Hospital sponsored a retirement party for the K-9 unit dogs which ended their service. In addition, the Wyoming Animal Hospital was recognized for fundraising for the dog replacements.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

February 24, 2105

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt
Director of Community Services
Board Secretary