

***Community Facilities Advisory Board Minutes
City Hall, Commission Chambers
Thursday, November 21, 2013***

***City Commission Chambers
6:00 p.m.***

WELCOME: Justin Banning, Chair

ROLL CALL: Justin Banning, Chris Boys, Dr. Perak, Rick Sowers, Tom Stanley, Dan Schenkein, Bill Turley, Ken Strobel, City Manager, Ed Elam, County Administration and Glenn Kerbs and Clayton Kerbs, Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of CFAB Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2013

Tom Stanley moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, Dan Schenkein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Recommendation for Construction of an Aquatics Park as a “Why Not Dodge” project: Paul Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation explained the history of the potential water park. He added that there had been interest in an Aquatics Facility in Dodge City since 2001 and that the project had been a top priority for the Aquatics Task Force for the past 12 years ago. He commented on the development of the project specifics through ongoing research, the help of professional consultants, tours of other facilities and community input. Mr. Lewis shared that the existing Dodge City Municipal Pool was undersized, decaying and devoid of modern amenities. The financial considerations were reviewed. Mr. Lewis stated how the recommendation of the Aquatics Park as a “Why Not Dodge” project was consistent with the criteria and requirements of the Dodge City/Ford County Inter-local Cooperation Agreement.

Following Mr. Lewis’ report, the CFAB board had a brief discussion and asked some questions of staff. Dr. Perak made a motion to recommend the aquatics park as a “Why Not Dodge” project to the joint City and County Commission. Tom Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. United Wireless Arena Update:

Assistant City Manager, Cherise Tieben provided a brief update on the United Wireless Arena. Mrs. Tieben remarked that Rick Reno had been hired as the General Manager. Mr. Reno has over 30 years of experience and came to Dodge City from Eugene, Oregon. She went on to add that the Dwight Yoakam concert was the first event to utilize the Special Event Fund policy that was approved at the August 22 meeting of the joint commission. Overall the event was viewed as a success and met their expectations for attendance. Mrs. Tieben added that the committee anticipates using the fund for the Alan Jackson concert in the spring.

As for the Dodge City Law, Mr. Reno is working with them on relocating their current office space within the United Wireless facility. The Law will be moving to the skate shop area to allow for additional office space. The skate shop will be relocated to another available space.

3. Organizational Funding Progress Reports:

Melissa McCoy, Project Development Coordinator shared the progress reports for 2013 Organizational Funding. Ms. McCoy stated that she was pleased to announce that all of the recipients had met the requirements outlined in the grant agreement.

A. Request for Alternate Use of 2013 Organizational Funds Dodge City Area Arts Council:

Ms. McCoy explained the request for alternate use of funding by the Dodge City Area Arts Council (DCAAC). The organization requested to use the funds allocated for interior and miscellaneous repairs and new tables for operational expenses. The need for the request was attributed to financial challenges. The DCAAC shared that they were committed to completing the projects with their own funds in 2014. They also commented that their board had voted to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign for the restoration of their historic windows and operational expenses.

Dr. Perak made a motion to approve the alternate use of organizational funds in the amount of \$7025 for the DCAAC. His motion included that the organization would not be allowed to apply for funds for the 2014 funding year. Dan Schenkein questioned if this was in accordance with the requirements of the Organizational Funding Grant. Staff responded that the 2014 funding award would be contingent on the decision of CFAB. Chris Boys seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Request for Alternate Use of 2013 Organizational Funds Dodge City Roundup Rodeo:

Ms. McCoy reviewed the request by Dodge City Roundup Rodeo (Roundup) to utilize the funds granted in 2013 for an announcer's booth for repairs and modifications to the existing facilities. The reason for the request was because the funds for the announcer's booth were received too late to allow for construction in time for the 2013 events. If approved Roundup would complete the repairs and modifications and agreed to make only one request for the 2014 CFAB application. This request would be to fund a new venture for an additional event prior to the Dodge City Days Rodeo.

Rick Sowers made a motion to approve the request for alternate use of funds in the amount of \$58,680. Dan Schenkein seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

A. Santa Fe Depot Update:

Melissa McCoy, Project Development Coordinator gave an update on the Santa Fe Depot. She explained that a bid opening had been held for the windows and doors project earlier in the day and that the bids would be submitted to the City Commission for their approval in the near future. Ms. McCoy added that the roof repairs at both the Santa Fe Depot and the Homestead Theater were completed just before the first snow in October. In addition, the City continues the search for tenants for the underdeveloped portions of the building. Ms. McCoy went on to explain that she and the grant consultant and Main Street director had attended a Workshop for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding in Topeka recently. This 80/20 TA funding could be used to build out the 2nd floor offices space and repair interior wall damage from the water infiltration. The grant is due on February 14, 2014 and grant awards will be announced in the late summer.

Ms. McCoy commented that the Depot Theater Board has appointed, board member Ken Bailey as a liaison for CFAB and other related projects. Also, the Depot Theater Guild has commissioned a Fred Harvey Medallion from the Dodge City Trail of Fame. The medallion will be located on the premises of the Santa Fe Depot. The Depot Theater, the Theater Guild and the Project Development Coordinator are collaborating on a launch for the 2014 Tourism Season that will feature the reveal of the Fred Harvey medallion, the grand opening of the Harvey Hotel room, the Harvey Girl Documentary *Opportunity Bound* and a special Fred Harvey dining experience.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 PM** in the City Commissioners Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: Chris Boys made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Stanley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.