



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
LAUREL RENEWAL AGENCY LARGE GRANT
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
10:00 AM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

General Items

1. Roll Call

Chair called meeting to order at 10:11AM.

Don Smarsh
Daniel Klein
Janice Lehman
Mardie Spalinger
Judy Goldsby
Nick Altonaga (City of Laurel)

2. Large Grant Program Update

\$225,000 Budget was approved for this grant cycle.

3. Large Grant Application Notes

City Planner presented a quick overview of his notes regarding previous grant requests placed on LURA Agenda

New Business

4. Application: Mountain Land Rehabilitation

Approximately \$23,000 requested.

5. Application: Fjelstad

Approximately \$15,077.00

6. Application: Nardella Investments

\$18,675.00 Requested

Board Members discussed the work which was needed and what has been accomplished.
Board Members discussed how to handle voting during official LURA session on 7/15/19.

7. Application: Pelican Café

Proposed Total project Cost is \$77,029.00 (Including estimates listed in general small and large grant categories). Board Members discussed how the expansion of existing active business such as the Pelican will have a big impact on the TIF District.

Nick will contact Chad Page to have him attend the next LURA meeting for clarification on estimates/requested funds.

8. Application: Sunshine Academy

Proposed Application is \$75,000. Board Members discussed the merits of Sunshine Academy application: This use would be a reutilization of land as a business/activity, bring more activity downtown, be a tax-paying entity, and provide FT/PT jobs. The Applicant will need to provide proof of ownership to LURA/City Council prior to the disbursement of funds. Nick will:

- Follow-up with applicant regarding where the estimates are coming from?
- MCA Check up on limit to reimbursement for Land Acquisition?

9. Application: Dyer

Discussion of the project and the applicable and allowable costs. Board Members discussion of grants and how to best reach the allowable budget items.

Follow-Ups

- Sunshine – Dispersal dependent upon proof of acquisition of building
- Sunshine – Check MCA for limits to reimbursement for land acquisition
- Pelican – Applicant must meet with Planner and LURA Board to discuss/clarify requested funds
- Nick will check with the Clerk/Treasurer on the available budget for the collective small grant programs.

Discussion of different items regarding Laurel development and redevelopment

- Downtown redevelopment
- How to attract businesses and consumers downtown
- Development of a more robust Laurel Montana Community Foundation to help market, organize, and provide support for the community

Meeting adjourned at 11:39AM.

Old Business

Other Items

Announcements

10. Next Meeting: July 15, 2019

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