



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LAUREL**  
**LAUREL URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY LARGE GRANT**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, JULY 06, 2020**  
**10:00 AM**  
**LAUREL 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

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09AM

Janice Lehman  
Mardie Spalinger  
Don Smarsh  
Dean Rankin  
Daniel Klein (Arrived at 10:15AM)

Nick Altonaga (City of Laurel)  
Richard Herr (City Council)

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2020

Mardie motioned to approve the minutes from June 22, 2020  
Don seconded.  
Motion Carried.

3. Large Grant Spreadsheet 2020

Ken Olson from the MT State Firefighters Memorial Committee was present at the meeting to discuss his grant application. The work was completed last year. Part of the current request was split between other matching grants. The memorial has been working to keep the site updated with the names of firefighters and has been in touch with firefighting families across the state. Ongoing landscaping and insurance are the main funding requirements. Ken has been active with state firefighting groups for possible grants and other funding sources. He has also been working with The Front Porch to hold events and work together to make events successful. An award of the large grant would be very helpful moving the project to near completion. The current grant purposes are eligible, but Nick will go back and review the previously approved Large Grants to ensure that one was not previously awarded.

Members went through and discussed the Different grant applications in order.

Lorna Coburn had previously attempted to apply in 2018 but was turned away due to the amount of existing applications. Was suggested to reapply in 2020 to receive a proper return on investment. Everything appears eligible.

Darrell Dyer's application for W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. looks very promising for the district. Could yield great returns for the TIF District and Downtown.

Linse family project at 20 Idaho Ave. Have done a full overhaul of renovating the property. Currently a rental and small commercial use run out of it. Nick provided a packet of photographs of the completed work.

The Miller application for 201 E Main St. is ineligible for grant funding as it previously received funding from the Large Grant Program in 2018.

Miller application for 403-407 E. Main St. was under discussion. The project was recently completed. Members thought the project looked good.

Members reviewed the Ron Seder application for 119 W. Main St. Nick provided a packet of photographs to support the application of the work that has been ongoing since 2019. The previous owner of the property had received a technical assistance grant to plan for upgrades. Members discussed how the building has needed renovation and has been derelict since the early 1980s.

Discussion of Shaun Jones 'application for 101 W. Main St. A centrally located, historic property that is deserving of the work and the grant funding. Window replacement is eligible under the Large Grant Program.

Discussion of Sarah Kuhr's application for the Front Porch roof replacement. Members discussed how they are very community minded. The roof replacement is eligible.

### **New Business**

4. Large Grant: Coburn Tax Services
5. Large Grant: Linse Family - 20 Idaho Ave
6. Large Grant: Darrell Dyer - W. 1st St. Development
7. Large Grant: Millers - 201 E Main St.
8. Large Grant: Millers - 403-407 E Main St.
9. Large Grant: Ron Seder - 119 W. Main St.
10. Large Grant: Sarah Kuhr - The Front Porch
11. Large Grant: Shaun Jones - 101 W. Main St.
12. Large Grant: Ken Olson - MT State Firefighters Memorial

Members discussed how to adjust the grant funding. What would be the best way to get it out of the \$225,000? Don established a 7% adjustment for each grant, and a further subtraction of the remainder from each grant.

Daniel Motioned to approve the 2020 Large Grant applications with a proportional adjustment to meet the \$225,000 program limit.

Don Seconded.  
Unanimous vote in favor.  
Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **Other Items**

13. Budget Review

## **Announcements**

14. Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 11:00AM.

Don Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Daniel Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20AM.

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