

Community Development meeting Called to order by Chair Rachel Teel at 6:00pm, present Mary Moore, Angie Gadzik, Mallory Bartleson, Mayor Rodriguez, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

The committee discussed the street scape project and the clerk reported that she just received the solicitation late last week and would work on submitting the paperwork. Applications are due by October. The clerk also reported that there is an RDA and SCRA grant opportunity in October as well and asked if the committee wished to apply for those grants as well.

Rock and Roll bingo was discussed, and the necessary staffing and supplies needed for the event. City Hall is directed to write checks for \$25 to each of the following:

1. Clarks Landing
2. The Beach Pub
3. Judy's Barge Inn
4. Janie's Café
5. Terry's Barber Shop
6. Casey's
7. Shell
8. Jeweled Leaf
9. Mississippi Ink
10. Shopaholic

Gadzik and Moore would split the checks and pick up the cards for the prizes. Volunteers would be available to take money at the door for the cards, make popcorn, and cleanup. Volunteers arrive at 5:00 doors open at 6:00 to begin the event.

October Boo Bash-Parade. The committee discussed the process and time needed for each the Boo Bash and parade event. After discussion regarding other Halloween events planned by local committees, it was decided that with the other Halloween events scheduled, it would benefit the community to work on other projects. The committee felt that the parade would be less for volunteer help and expenditures and would recommend to council that they host the parade on October 29, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Comedy show on November 10, 2023 was discussed items still needed for the event. The event fundraiser earns money mostly from raffle baskets. Committee will work on getting baskets donated for the event.

The clerk presented to the committee, that the Fire Department requested that Community Development pay for the purchase of 300 smoke detectors for the students at the school for fire prevention week, like they did last year. The total purchase request was \$1,425. The committee asked if these were the same items purchased last year and if they had any comments regarding how the program was perceived last year. They had several other questions that the clerk was unable to answer. Motion by Moore and seconded by R. Teel to table the request until additional questions were answered.

The clerk presented to the committee information regarding the splashpad plans from the Park Board. She explained that they were working on a final price and are looking for funding assistance from

Community Development. The Clerk said she wasn't sure what they are requesting at this time and that the Park Board, has a very small \$10K annual budget for improvements. The committee had several questions regarding the longevity of the features, annual maintenance and operational fees. The committee also inquired about any grants or fundraising events that the Park Board was working on. Motion by Moore and seconded by R. Teel to table the funding until details are provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Goals/Plans

Gadzik explained that she was working on a community dinner with the Lutheran church. Her goal was to have a Thanksgiving style meal available for residents.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Gadzik to adjourn the meeting at 7:19. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Tanna Leonard