

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Kyle Harris, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany, Cynthia Winiecke

Absent: Michael Webster

Others: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Lisa Coney, Denny Harris, Julian Morris, Canika Owen-Robinson, Jeff Bulls, Bill Ostash, Denita Dorsey, Eric Eggleston, Nicola Danks, Christiana Malacara, Denise Shannon, Mark Rankin, Justin Engel, Tina Swanton, Chandra Weiss, Richard Spitzer, Sam Tany, Eddie Foxx, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, Mary Williams and others

I. Call to order ---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**

II. Welcome

III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)

1. **Bill Ostash spoke of The Neighb's benefit to the community and asked the committee to take action on funding the program.**
2. **Jeff Bulls advocated for the Neighborhood House (The Neighb) and stated the reduced request totals \$2.25 million (\$1.1 mil for capital improvements and \$1.15 for programs)**
3. **Canika Owen-Robinson from The Neighb stated that the original amount requested was \$4 million and the revised total requested is \$2.25 million.**
4. **Chandra Weiss spoke of the 4-H program that MSU Extension offers, along with many other valuable programs that are now offered through Zoom. She then asked the committee to place the request back on their list for consideration.**
5. **Erik Eggleston spoke of Youth Development Corp USA. He informed the committee that the previously requested \$305,000 was amended to \$1,241,000.**

IV. Agenda

1. Discussion of presentations from October 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Review/discussion of External Request funding requests from the following organizations:

Req. #	Organization	Description	Original Amt.
#7	School District of the City of Saginaw By: Tamara Johnson, CFO	Community Resource / Youth Program / Activities	\$750,000 Amended: \$1,000,000
#12	YMCA of Saginaw By: Steve Meyer	Child Care (\$100,000); Nutrition (\$125,000); Senior Health (\$100,000); Social Emotional Wellness (\$100,000); Operational Support Pandemic Shortfall (\$500,000)	\$925,000 Prev. Amended: \$500,000
#21	Youth Development Corp USA By: Denita Dorsey	Advance Underserved At-Risk Youth & Adults by Expanding Accessibility in Education Training/Career Placement – Skilled Trades	\$305,000 Amended: \$1,241,484.53
#22	Child & Family Services By: Jill Hogenson	Counseling – Mental Health, for Uninsured, High Deductible, Inability to Pay for All Sessions	\$40,000

#23	Public Libraries of Saginaw By: Maria McCarville, Director	Library of Things: i.e. Arts & Crafts, Kitchen Equipment, Electronics, Musical Instruments, Gardening, Tools, etc.	\$20,000
#29	The Neighb By: Canika Owen-Robinson	Support/Programs to Prevent Crime, Promote Economic Development, and Community Health	\$4 mil. Prev. Amended: \$1.1 mil. Amended: \$2,250,882
#30	First Ward Community Center By: Dr. Dawn Hinton	Building Upgrades; After School, Drug Prevention & Senior Programs, Soup Kitchen, Utilities, Insurance, Fees	\$1,130,000 Amended: \$1,190,000
#32	Community Action Committee By: Hurley Coleman III, M.S.A.	Econ. Dev.– Affordable Housing (\$1 mil); Econ. Dev. – Small Bus. Childcare (\$500,000); Community Center Support (\$1.5 mil); Education (\$1.2 mil)	\$4.2 mil. Amended: \$2,500,000
#33	Saginaw Community Food Club By: Tina Swanton, MiHIA	Improve Food Equity; Non-Profit Grocery Store	\$2 mil.
#36	HealthSource Saginaw By: David Marshall/Michelle Trevillian	Mental Health Technician Staffing; Offer Entry Level Career Path for Saginaw County Residents	\$160,750
#38	Crime Stoppers of Saginaw County By: Eddie Foxx	Assist Law Enforcement via Tip Line – Raise Awareness in Community, Marketing & Operating	\$60,000

- **Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, stated that the remaining ARPA budget for external funding is \$3,291,634. He sent questionnaires to those listed above and responses with amended amounts were returned.**
- **Chairman Ruth put forth his recommendation to fund Crime Stoppers at \$60,000; Public Libraries at \$20,000; HealthSource at \$160,750; Child & Family Services at \$40,000; and YMCA at \$500,000. Further, he recommended funding the Youth Development Corp. at \$200,000; The Neighb at \$200,000; First Ward Community Center at \$500,000; Community Action Committee at \$500,000; Saginaw Community Food Club at \$500,000.**
- **Discussion was held pertaining to the requestors that have also asked for ARPA funding from the City of Saginaw. The Committee agreed that a collaboration effort would be the best investment of ARPA funding. Further discussion was held on scheduling a meeting with City of Saginaw representatives to discuss funding.**

---Commissioner Tany moved, seconded by Commissioner Krafft, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$160,750 of ARPA funding to HealthSource Saginaw for mental health technician staffing. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

---Chairman Ruth moved, seconded by Commissioner Ewing, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$60,000 of ARPA funding to Crime Stoppers of Saginaw County. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Matthews, Winiecke, Ruth -7

No: Tany, Boyd, Slodowski -3

Absent: Webster -1

Total: -11

---Commissioner Winiecke moved, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$40,000 of ARPA funding to Child & Family Services for mental health counseling. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

---Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Little, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$20,000 to Public Libraries of Saginaw for its Library of Things. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

---Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Chairman Ruth, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate up to \$500,000 to YMCA of Saginaw to match funding from the City of Saginaw. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Tany, Boyd, Ruth, Slodowski -4

No: Little, Winiecke, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Matthews -6

Absent: Webster -1

Total: -11

---Commissioner Winiecke moved, seconded by Chairman Ruth, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$500,000 to Saginaw Community Food Club. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

---Commissioner Krafft moved, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to table the remaining requests (#7, #21, #29, #30 and #32) that qualify for City of Saginaw ARPA funds until a meeting can be held with the City of Saginaw, or until the next Committee of the Whole meeting on December 13, 2022. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Tany, Boyd, Ruth, Slodowski, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Winiecke -9

No: Matthews -1

Absent: Webster -1

Total: -11

[Note: Remaining balance of \$2,570,884]

2. Other Issues of Interest/Concern

- Controller/CAO – Public Works Commissioner, re:
Discussion of ARPA funding allocated to Public Works for two (2) drain projects requested by Commissioner Ewing and Slodowski
---Chairman Ruth moved, seconded by Commissioner Winiecke, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to apply \$60,000 to Sarle Drain and \$60,000 to Bement Drain, each from the previously committed ARPA funding to Public Works of \$1 million. Motion carried by unanimous roll call.

V. Miscellaneous *---None*

VI. Adjournment *---Moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Chairman Ruth, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:00 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Matthews – Committee Chair
Suzy Koeplinger – Committee Clerk