

Friends of Safety City Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 2008

Members Present:

Yvonne Batts
Laura Moore
Karen Stover
Gayle Whetsel
Ken Poyner
Tommy McAlister

Others Present:

Chief Melvin Martin
Chief Ken Dozier
Lt. Randy Doan
Lt. John Brunett
FF Gary Hamner
Trooper Sparky Dean
Sgt. Keith Shackelford
Jennifer Stuckey
Legal – Theresa James

Called to order @ 3:30 p.m.

August Board Minutes

Laura moved to approve the previous board meeting minutes, second by Gail.

Treasure's Report

Yvonne stated that the bank statements now reflect
Operations (staff to write checks from)
Management/Operations – donations for operations
Capital Account – Savings/Fundraising
\$1000 from A-Town High Tech
\$100 from Lions Club
\$200 from another Lions Club is in process
Bill for pond has been paid

Current Future Donations

Laura asked Theresa about getting the 501c3 paperwork completed earlier than the standard 60-180 days.

Ken stated he was in the process of getting that paperwork completed and filed. It will take 60-180 days to receive the temporary documentation.

Yvonne stated that we couldn't do much more (apply for more grants) until we have this documentation.

Shelton Foundation turned us down for the \$200,000. David Copeland called they loved the project but the board wanted to assist the needy with food, clothing, shelter, etc. They want us to contact them again as we near the end of the project to see if they can help at that time.

Dian Graves Owen Foundation sent letter stating that they could not present our information to their board until we have the 501c3 documentation.

Waiting on Kiwanis International board meeting in October regarding that \$20,000 request.

Jr. League is waiting on their fall fundraiser. They want to help but won't know what they can do until after Christmas Carousel. They will announce in February.

Researching a \$40,000 request to State Farm

United Way – Gary and John completed and turned in the paperwork requesting \$19,500 for technology equipment, to enhance existing programs. They will announce Oct. 1

Texas Lions Club - Randy with working with James Wheeler. Can't apply for the International grant until we see how much the local clubs gives; International may match them. Should know something by Dec.

Sutphen request was for \$10,000.

Albertson's - waiting on check.

United Grocery – pending

FM Global – asked \$10,000 we were approved for \$2000.

Chief Martin, Chief Dozier, Laura and Yvonne (steering committee) met and want to propose building in two phases and to get an exact cost for each building. Fire House built first and Office/Classroom second. Tommy made a motion to hire an architect or engineer to obtain exact cost of each building, 2nd by Karen, all in favor. Staff was charged with bringing a couple of options and recommendations to the board.

Gary asked if we had to wait until the 501c3 was obtained or could we apply for other grants? The steering committee has developed a list of business in Abilene to talk to and will bring that list to the next meeting.

Staff Reports

Pond has been sprayed with rhino-lining but still has a leak. Will come back and spray again.

KEAN Cruise Night is Sat., Sept. 20

Other

Theresa James stated that regarding the Open Meetings Act, one thing to remember is to not "reply all" on emails.

Karen, Tommy and Gail stayed to watch the video from the Secretary of State regarding the open meetings act.

Adjourned at 4:30