

Minutes

2012 Neighborhood Project Funds Committee meeting

Jack Reidy Conference Room

140 W Pine

Thursday, December 1, 2011. 7:45 a.m.

Committee members present: Ray Aten, Nancy McCourt (chair), Jim Meagher, Steve Schmidt (alternate), Jane Kelly (ex officio)

Committee members absent: Christine Ross, Cynthia Wolken

1. Introductions were made.
2. There was no public comment on non-agenda items.
3. Nancy McCourt was affirmed as the committee chair.
4. Review and approve application form—changes were made to last year's application and process and were approved by consensus:
 - A list of links to master plans, neighborhood plans was added to give citizens additional resources for projects in their neighborhoods.
 - Requirement of recognition was added, where applicable.
 - Requirement that project be completed within year was removed. Requirement changed to “a reasonable amount of time.”
 - Note to applicants would be made to contact Neighborhood Liaison to explore additional sources of funding.
 - Level one and level two ranking would be moved to the beginning of the application. Weighting factors were added to the ranking.
 - A required list of potential and anticipated future needs of project was added.
 - The grants are required to be within City limits and “or benefit City residents,” was added.
 - Citizen support is required. Neighborhood Council or Association meeting agenda(s), minutes, votes, attendance sheets and any other documentation of the support for the project had the words added: “if available.”
 - Neighborhood support is required. Requirement for Neighborhood Council Sponsor and Association support was removed. City Charter Section 6.2 #9 was reviewed:
Neighborhood Councils and the Community Council shall not preclude any individual or individuals from access to, or participation with, the City council, the Mayor, or City Departments. It was also noted that many Neighborhood Councils and Associations meet sporadically and mandating sponsorship could eliminate worthwhile projects with community support.
5. Review timeline—timeline was briefly reviewed and is subject to administrative change.
6. Adjourn—9:00 a.m.