

MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Heather Schaubmayer called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes.

2. Roll Call

Chair Heather Schaubmayer and Committee Members Catherine Taft and Tamara Bankson were present via videoconference.

3. Public Comments

There were no comments given at this time.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the meeting minutes for March 24, 2021 (Attachment 4.a)
- b. Approval of the meeting minutes for March 31, 2021 (Attachment 4.b)

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Tamara Bankson, seconded by Committee Member Catherine Taft, and carried by a 3-0 roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. Policy Matters

- a. Review and possible action on FY 21/22 Measure U Programming Grant applications. (Attachment 5.a)

The members of the Committee discussed each of the applications, the process used for scoring them and the amount each Committee Member felt should be awarded to each applicant.

Chair Heather Schaubmayer reported that due to COVID, the Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps (ESCC) was unable to complete its Arts in the Wilderness program which had been awarded a Fiscal Year 2018/19 Special Project Grant in the amount of \$10,000. She said that ESCC Executive Director Agnes Vianzon had returned \$5,000 of the award to the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Ms Schaubmayer said that she would talk to the Town to make sure that the funds went back into the Measure U Programming Fund.

Forest Island (FI) Project Director Kiersten Puusemp presented information on their website about their Artists' Residency Program.

Chair Schaubmayer requested that the \$9,500 allocated to FI last year, which had not been used due to COVID, be rolled back into its program for 2021 in lieu of requesting that the funds be returned. Committee Members Tamara Bankson and Catherine Taft agreed. Ms. Taft wanted it noted in the record that she felt the prior award was on the low end for the type of program they had planned to do.

There was discussion between members of the Committee, applicants and Program Director Kim Anaclerio.

ACTION: It was moved by Chair Heather Schaubmayer, seconded by Committee Member Catherine Taft, and carried by a 3-0 roll call vote to approve the following recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Measure U Programming Grant applications; wokNnature \$3,400, Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance a.k.a. Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre \$40,000 per year for three years for a total of \$120,000, Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center \$9,500 per year for three years for a total of \$28,500, Sierra Classic Theatre a tiered award in the amount of \$12,000 for year one, \$11,000 for year two and \$10,000 for year three for a total of \$33,000, Eastern Sierra Symphony \$14,500, Mono Arts Council \$30,000, Mono County Library System \$2,500, Chamber Music Unbound \$26,000, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association \$3,500, Forest Island Project \$0, Friends of the Inyo \$8,000 and Southern Mono Historical Society \$5,000.

- b. Review and possible action on FY 20/21 Measure U Special Project Grant application. (Attachment 5.b)

Item #5.b was taken prior to #5.a

Chair Heather Schaubmayer reported that she was not comfortable approving the High Sierra Energy Foundation (HSEF) request at this time and said she would like to have additional conversations with the Town, and have the applicant to do more work on their application and come back at a later date with more information including a detailed budget.

Committee Members Tamara Bankson and Catherine Taft spoke in support of Ms. Schaubmayer's request.

There was discussion between members of the Committee and Program Director Kim Anaclerio.

ACTION: It was moved by Chair Heather Schaubmayer, seconded by Committee Member Catherine Taft, and carried by a 3-0 roll call vote to deny the Special Project Grant Application submitted by High Sierra Energy Foundation at this time and to request that the applicant return at a later date with a well-thought-out plan.

6. Committee Member Reports

Committee Member Catherine Taft said that she enjoyed being part of the allocations process every year and was happy that they were able to offer programming again this year despite the circumstances over the past year.

Chair Heather Schaubmayer said that there were a lot of challenges this year but said the process went smoothly and she thanked the Committee Members for their time.

Committee Member Tamara Bankson said that she was happy to have been part of the process this year and that she was proud of the Committee's efforts.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee Member Catherine Taft requested clarification from the Historical Society about their application at the May Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board meeting.

Chair Heather Schaubmayer requested that Program Director Kim Anaclerio make sure that the monies that were rolled over show in the fund for next year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Plaisted
Assistant Clerk