

Parks subcommittee Meeting Minutes
5.23.23

Present: Derek Harwell, Elizabeth Train, Mary Haskell, Margaret Liperfido, Sue Wallace, Andrew Sandstrom

Called to order: 8:07am

Discussing Metrec grant application. Going for a community collaboration grant, not capital. \$10,000 is the ask. POA has \$30,000 & Sue's RREO compost grant at \$27,000 sets us up favorably for approval.

Sunset Hall, finishing the basketball, and starting to move the community garden are all in the grant. Beginning to implement our parks master plan.

Project	Subcategory	Estimated Cost
Community Garden	Moving the old space	2500
	Pathways in the garden	3000
	Composting Machine	27293.98
Basketball Court	Crack Repair	2000
	Hoops	5000
	Installation	2500
	Paint	1500
	Top Surface	1500
Topographic Survey	Whole park existing survey	6152
Sunset Hall Improvements	Electrical Improvements	2000
	Paint	2000
	Blinds	4500
	Floor Refinish	5000

Andrew mentioned we should submit a letter to Metrec w/thoughtful comments about this first grant cycle. We as a committee will do that. Matching fund requirements, timing of grant cycle, multi-year funding & rolling over capital grant funds are all questions.

Grant outreach:

Andrew and Elizabeth met w/GOCO. Gunnison County and Metrec could be the partner entity we need. Biggest hurdle could be future County projects. Andrew and Derek have a meeting scheduled w/Cathy Pagano & Martin to figure out timing. Martin thought we'd be a good fit for a \$700,000 ask. How can we serve an underserved population? Possibly an adaptive park. Or a neurologically diverse playground and partnering with Adaptive. Collaboration is a huge piece for grants. Possibly Mountain Roots or Wildflower Festival for community garden/composting. 3 cycles-third cycle is most competitive...shoot for July/August or November cycle, not February. GOCO is willing to be the first funder. Community engagement/education component is also important. (Rady School of Engineering possibly) Possibly Americorps or internships from Western. Community outreach, fundraising events, fulfilling community needs are all integral parts of trying to get a GOCO grant for 2024. GOCO wants to see the whole plan-field, hockey, playground project. Elizabeth brought up having our park be part of the greater multi-modal trail project possibly?

Margaret asked where we are with the Skate Park project? We would like to hear from that group to see where they are with the process. Send a formal invitation to join our next meeting?

Next meeting: June 20th 8am

Meeting adjourned: