

Citizens Advisory Commission for Community Grants

Minutes – 2/1/18

In attendance, in person: Jason Telersky, June Caron, Tricia Casey, Mike Apfelberg – Commissioners; Linda Harriott-Gathright – Aldermanic Alternate; Carrie Schena – City of Nashua; **via skype:** Beth Todgham

Not in attendance: Jennifer Bishop-Saucier -- Commissioner

Topic: Secretary – decision to rotate responsibility each meeting; Mike Apfelberg this meeting

Topic: 2/22 meeting – due to conflicts, cancelled, and topics will be moved to 3/1 meeting

Topic: Alternate Ald. Linda Harriott-Gathright is the voting member in Ald. Caron's absence

Topic: Philosophy of the committee in terms of quality of applications and funding things in the past that have been funded; each application should be looked at on its own merits; are organizations leveraging resources? Are organizations truly in need? Are programs critical? Do we care about politics and political footballs if programs aren't funded? Note that some organizations have professional grant writing staff, but many do not, so we need to consider that when looking at quality of proposals. Will try to review all applications, reach a consensus, and then revisit at the end.

Topic: Follow-up questions have been sent to GNDC and to SNH/HIV Aids Task force

Topic: Additional follow-up questions are being sent by Jason to all agencies where there were questions; where there are questions asked, we will expect to hear back by Wednesday the following week

Topic: review of applications by commissioners and initial assessment

- Greater Nashua Mental Health
- Greater Nashua Dental Connection
- Child and Family Services

Topic: next meeting...

- Sr. Center
- SNH HIV/Aids Task Force
- Home Health and Hospice
- Lamprey
- Adult Learning Center
- Family Promise of Greater Nashua
- Front Door Agency
- Harbor Homes
- Nashua Soup Kitchen

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Apfelberg