

Public Service Grant Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2009

Time: 10:10 AM

Present: Gwen Yates, Arnold Tritt, Ronald Mallett, Juan Diaz and John Donahoo

Absent: Alberta Hipps and Edgar Mathis

Staff Present: Nancy Kirts, Sandy Arts, John Snyder, Sue Andrews and Linda Platte'

Gwen Yates asked John Donahoo to lead with the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Special Guest: Richard Clark, President of Jacksonville City Council

Welcome: Gwen Yates welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions.

Meeting Minutes: Gwen Yates asked if there were any changes or comments regarding the June 16, 2009 minutes.

Ronald Mallett motioned to accept the minutes as read and this was seconded by Arnold Tritt. The motion was passed.

Chapter 118 Proposed Changes

Gwen Yates introduced Glen Mitchell to explain suggested Chapter 118 changes detailed in a letter written by Rena Coughlin, Non-Profit center dated June 19, 2009. Mr. Mitchell explained that he was not prepared to present in the absence of Ms. Coughlin, but would address any questions or comments. Ms. Coughlin submitted the memorandum detailing seven recommendations for Alberta Hipps' review and consideration. The two recommendations that the Non-Profit Center members spent the most time discussing were in Section 118.201 and Section 118.202. Ronald Mallett asked Mr. Mitchell about recommendation #6 regarding the Public Service Grant audit requirements being consistent with the Jacksonville Children's Commission's (JCC). Mr. Mitchell could not answer that question, so Mr. Mallett asked Nancy Kirts to explain if there was a difference. Ms. Kirts stated not to her knowledge. Mr. Mallett asked Ms. Kirts determine if the JCC audit requirements were consistent with the Public Service Grant audit requirements and E-Mail the results of her research to the Public Service Grant Council members.

Richard Clark, President of Jacksonville City Council

Richard Clark referred to his presentation as the "State of Affairs regarding Public Service Grants". In the Finance Committee on 7/20/09, the proposed millage rate increase was rolled back to today's rate. He went on to say that at the

end of the City's budget process, there still may be have a funding gap. The first order of business is to look at the budget and see what can be done within the budget to eliminate duplicity and then determine what that gap is and develop a methodology to fix that gap. The City Council will vote on the millage rate increase on July 28, 2009. He had not heard a single Council Member state publicly that they were coming after the non-profit sector. City government can not provide the services in a more cost-effective manner than the non-profit sector. Through leverage, the non-profit sector can secure grants, donations and volunteers to support their services. He emphasized staying engaged with the City Council and not just attend meetings when the budget is on agenda. The City Council would like to hear from them on the great things being accomplished through their dedicated efforts.

FY 2011 Public Service Grant On-Line Application

Sandy Arts introduced the new Public Service Grant on-line application to all recipients. It will be rolled out for the FY 2011 funding cycle. Nancy Kirts advised that there will be a focus group in the near future. (August 2009)

Council Auditor's Non-Compliance List

Gwen Yates asked Nancy Kirts to talk about the one agency left on the Non-Compliance List. Ms. Kirts stated that staff has been working with Prisoners of Christ to get them off the list. They were placed on the list as a result of the FY 2008 Public Service Grant allocation. The cash stipends they gave to their clients didn't have backup for the expenses and the Council Auditor's Office has asked for more information to support those expenses.

Meeting adjourned

Time: 11:00 AM

Minutes Prepared by: Linda Platte'