**PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor Board Room 851**

**January 24, 2022 – 3:00 PM**

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| **Committee Meeting Attendance** | | | |
| **X** | **Bob Baldwin- Chair** | **X** | **Beth Mixson** |
| **E** | **Brad Goodwin - Vice Chair** | **E** | **Ann Mackey** |
| **E** | **Jackie Perry** | **X** | **Courtney Weatherby-Hunter-Zoom** |
| **X** | **Dr. Marcie Turner** | **E** | **Jaclyn Blair** |
| **X** | **Tameiko Grant** | **X** | **Ryan Ertel** |
| **X** | **Dr. Dogan Tozoglu** | **X** | **James Coggin** |
| **X** | **Chester Spellman** |  |  |

**Quorum Present:*****No***

**Staff**: Kendra Mervin, John Snyder & Ashleigh Brew, Office of Grants & Compliance

Harry Wilson & Edgar Sanchez, Office of General Counsel

***There was no Quorum no voting took place. The below is a record of meeting.***

1. **Welcome & Introduction of PSG Council Members – Mr. Baldwin**

* Members of the PSG Council, and staff introduced themselves.
* While waiting for more members to show up, Mr. Baldwin briefly spoke on his meetings with C/M Carlucci and the C/M’s push to have the floor amount for grant funding be a minimum of $7million. This would make a significant change to the amount of funding currently coming through the PSG now.

1. **Election of PSG Council Chair, Vice-Chair & Officers- Mr. Snyder**

There was no quorum, so no vote could take place. Tabled until next meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes - Mr. Baldwin**

There was no quorum, the meeting minutes could not be approved at this time.

1. **Budget Sub-Committee – Ms. Mixson**

Ms. Mixson stated this committee has no report. However, the sub-committee would meet in time to make a recommendation to the full council regarding both the percentage and funding amount in time for the full council to issue its recommendation to the Mayor and Council President.

1. **PSG Funding Task Force-Ms. Mixson**

Dr. Turner stated that she reached out to several City Council Members; however, she was not able to get in contact with any council members.

Mr. Baldwin stated that C/M Carlucci said to hold back for now from talking to other council members. There is a meeting tomorrow at 2pm given by C/M Bolden in the Roberts Room, open to the public. Encourage as many people as possible to attend.

Ms. Mixson went over the meetings that she had with Council President Newby & Councilwoman Randy-DeFoor to discuss the importance of PSG Funding and how they impact the community. She stated that the meetings were very positive. Both Bill Hailey & Michael Howland accompanied her to these meetings to serve as a voice to the agencies. Some suggestions were given to her on which councilmembers to call on who could possibly be a “no vote”. She was also given feedback that the Mayor’s office was not supportive of the floor of $7million. She was also encouraged to meet with Dawn Lockheart. Questioned if the next step is to meet with councilmembers to further make case--Mr. Baldwin said he did not have an answer to that yet, but would get some feedback.

1. **Rules Sub-Committee- Ms. Weatherby-Hunter**

Present Via Zoom, however, there were technical difficulties and audio connection was never established. Mr. Snyder stated that there was no meeting.

1. **Most Vulnerable Persons Sub-Committee- Ms. Grant**

Ms. Grant went over the charge to review the categories of the PSG Framework. C/M Freeman came to ask for support on establishing micro-grants to ensure smaller organizations can fairly compete for funding. The Sub-Committee discussed the increase in number of applications under category C and recommends an increase in funding for category C. The committee voted on changing the percentages of the current framework. Priority Need A-30percent, B-40percent, C-30percent. The Sub-Committee also voted on adding a Priority Need D for the proposed micro-grants with no funding as this funding would be contingent on C/M Freeman’s legislation.

1. **Public Comment *(Please fill out a card if you wish to speak on a topic that isn’t on the agenda)***

Bill Hailey with Family Foundation discussed that he attended the meetings that Ms. Mixon presented to C/M Newby and stated that she was a great representative for PSG. He stated that C/M Newby addressed how rigorous the process is for organizations to apply for PSG’s compared to other city funding which was easier to apply for and how to make it fair.

C/M Newby also alluded to something similar to the micro-grants pilot program where smaller organizations can benefit from funding.

Michael Howland, with Jacksonville Speech & Hearing attended the meeting that Beth had with C/M Randy-DeFoor, and stated that Beth’s presentations were very compelling. He also stated that the councilwoman seemed to be very impressed that PSG Committee members and organizations came together as a team.

1. **Adjourned** at 3:44PM.

**A verbatim recording of this meeting is available upon request.**