

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Community Promotion & Engagement Committee

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2024

## MINUTES

Members Present: Bruce Kleinman, Chair, Jean Conyers, Bernie McLaughlin, Larry Phillips, Susan Soden

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Katy Firth (representing AMOR Healing Kitchen), Anne Bavier (representing Seabrook Island Village)

Staff Present: Joe Cronin, Abby Grooms

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

Mayor Kleinman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Mr Cronin confirmed that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting agenda was properly posted.

### 2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Kleinman reviewed the minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting. Mr Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes as amended which was seconded by Ms Soden. The motion for APPROVAL was unanimous.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

#### A. 2024 Community Promotion Grants

##### a. AMOR Healing Kitchen

Ms Firth representing the AMOR Healing Kitchen provided a brief overview of the program that provides meals for cancer victims in the Charleston area. While the committee expressed gratitude for the work of the organization, Mayor Kleinman made a motion to table the decision to recommend funding until a later date. The motion was seconded by Mr Phillips and APPROVED with a vote of four to one.

##### b. Seabrook Island Village, Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Ms Bavier offered a brief presentation about the work of the Seabrook Island Village, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and summarized the grant request. Ms Conyers made a motion to approve the recommendation to fund the grant request in the amount of \$2,500 for operating expenses. The motion was seconded by Ms Soden and unanimously APPROVED.

#### 4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

##### A. Continuing discussion of purposes of Community Promotion Grant Eligibility

Ms Soden offered the following criteria as a guideline for the committee to interpret the purpose statement of the Community Promotion Grant eligibility, i.e., “promoting and enhancing community wellness, cultural and historical awareness, and economic development.”

- 1) Organization and special interest groups on Seabrook Island with Seabrook Island residents participants and volunteers
- 2) Organizations with Seabrook Island volunteers who perform activities for individuals beyond the gate of Seabrook Island
- 3) Organizations without Seabrook Island resident involvement who provide services for individuals beyond the gate of Seabrook Island

The recommendation to add notices of funding opportunities in the *Seabrooker* in addition to current communication processes was requested by the committee. Future grant applications that reflect criteria 1 and 2 as noted above will be reviewed for recommended funding. Those applications that reflect criteria 3 will be deferred and considered should funds be available later in the fiscal year. Finally, to the extent that applications that reflect criteria 1 and 2 have been denied in the past, those organizations will be notified of the criteria clarification should they want to reapply.

##### B. Upcoming Events

- a. Chow Town Food Truck Rodeo (June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Town Hall)

#### 5. COMMITTEE COMMENTS (none)

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms Soden. The motion was APPROVED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2024 1:00 PM.

Prepared by: Jean Conyers  
Date: June 20, 2024

