

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM CITY HALL
212 SW 9th STREET
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Mary Ann Hankins, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda was posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Burk Jay (entered after roll call); Ezerski, Barry; Hankins, Mary Ann; McConnell, Lou; Morford, Robert; Smith, Addie; Sweeney, Kerry; Tennis, Michael.

ABSENT: Symuleski, Ted.

OTHER PRESENT: Richard Rogalski and Charlotte Brown, Planning; Keith Neitzke, Parks and Recreation; Will Hines, Neighborhood Services; Susan Schlecht, Finance Department; Greg Gibson, Assistant City Attorney.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

A. Receive report from Dennis Totte and take action if necessary.

Wasn't available.

B. Receive report from Neighborhood Services.

Brown stated Will isn't available today. He did say that Trash-Off is scheduled for May

2.

Morford stated would you notify him that the boat hasn't been moved.

Rogalski asked is there a LETA representative on the committee. There is a meeting tomorrow.

Tennis stated I'm going to volunteer but I'm not on the committee.

Rogalski stated this will be Will's first Trash-Off. His plans are to do exactly the same as last year. I thought last year went pretty smooth.

Tennis stated I thought it went really well with the re-route.

Hankins asked and you are having a meeting about it tomorrow, right.

Neitzke stated 2:30 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Rogalski stated we should be doing pretty much the same as last year. In terms of the demolition projects we have actually spent all the current years money. We are going to start looking at some commercial structures. When Council does those typically, we go through the court process and compel the owner to demo the property due to cost. Normally we don't recoup demolition cost. As you know the CIP passed and there is about \$3.75 million for demolition.

Tenis stated thank God.

Rogalski stated we have basically tripled our demolition budget. We will not do \$4,000,000 in one (1) years. We are going to take ten (10) houses to Council a month. That is a direction from the City Manager and that will spend the money gradually.

Ezerski asked do you get much pull back from the owners.

Rogalski stated from residential home.

Ezerski stated yes.

Rogalski stated there has been a couple that came to Council. I would say one (1) out of five (5) say they want to remodel and have said that for the last ten (10) years.

Morford stated but they never do.

Tenis stated it is as rare. I had one (1) person out of a hundred that actually did what was asked of them. One (1) person when I was on City Council.

Rogalski stated I would say there are more that actually pull a permit. Even if it is on the D & D list you can pull a permit. Just because it is on that list doesn't mean you have to tear it down but you have to get a permit within thirty (30) days.

Tenis stated right.

Rogalski stated there are a few that will pull a permit and actually do the work. If you don't it doesn't go back to Council and we can tear it down.

Hankins stated that is a good way to do that.

Rogalski stated most people don't know that a permit has been pulled because that is on our end. The ones we have torn down are not in good enough shape to remodel. We have three (3) good mowing contractors right now and I think Will is going to get a couple more to get ready for mowing season. I think it will be an early weedy and grassy season this year.

C. Receive a report from the Eye Candy Committee and take action if necessary.

Sweeney stated we are making a few changes this year but much will stay the same. It will be held at the Great Plains Museum but we are not going to do the outdoor tent this year. The

feedback from the venders was they didn't feel it was worth their time. People didn't come to talk with them. So, this year we are going to have two (2) speakers speak briefly at the event. We will have Dr. Legako from the Farmers Market and then a profession from Cameron.

Tenis stated he has committed. I called Charlotte and he is going to get an invitation for him and his wife.

Sweeney stated okay. He will talk about the monarchs. Dennis Totte wasn't interested in putting up a display but will donate door prizes. This is one change we will make. The main thing we need to accomplish today is to choose our winners in the different categories.

Brown stated we are going to remove the governmental award.

Sweeney stated yes.

Ezerski asked do we have a date.

Brown stated April 17th.

Hankins stated I had one (1) vender, and it made me think, he said it just wasn't worth his time.

Morford stated and the weather wasn't real good last year.

Hankins stated no and being spring it may not be this year. He stated that everybody was anxious to eat and drink their cocktails. I thought this could make us have a bad reputation.

Sweeney stated and there is an expense doing all that outside. We tried having food out there and a lot of things worked but some didn't. When the venders weren't interested in coming back that was when we felt we needed to make a change. So, we are going to try it this way this year and I think it might work out great. Charlotte, do you have the list of categories.

Brown stated the Bellino Lifetime award, Visionary Leader, Champion Volunteer, Commercial Eye Candy and a Community Project.

Sweeney stated this is what the committee came up and we are not set on any of these. For Visionary Leader - David Madigan, Champion Volunteer – Max Sasseen, and Bellino Lifetime Achievement – Lon Parks. We are a small committee and we don't know everybody.

Ezerski asked what about Joe Chesko and Children United.

Hankins stated that would be good too. His name came up.

Sweeney asked for which category.

Ezerski stated it would be probably for Visionary or Volunteer.

Hankins stated he was as committed as they get.

Ezerski stated yes. I mean he has driven this whole thing and it is 2/3's of the way there.

Sweeney stated okay. I think that is an excellent suggestion. For Lifetime Achievement do we have any other suggestions.

McConnell asked who did you have.

Sweeney stated Lon Parks.

Hankins stated we are not locked into anyone. These are just suggestions.

Sweeney stated correct.

Ezerski stated he has done a lot with biking over the years.

Tenis asked may I make a suggestion. Before getting into a full-blown discussion can we let the others give their reports.

Hankins stated as long as we don't neglect this one.

Tenis stated we have to get this item done.

Hankins stated I know.

Sweeney asked are you saying you want to table it for now and let everyone else go.

Tenis stated yes.

Sweeney stated I'm fine with that.

Rogalski stated we will go back when we get to new business.

D. Receive a report from Children United and take action if necessary.

Ezerski stated the Children United event is the day after ours. It is April 18th and they are expecting 500 people. Sponsors are coming in fast and furious. They believe they will do as well if not better than last year. The dancers are set. They did have one (1) that had to bow out but they have found a replacement. They got an anonymous donation for \$7,500 that will be announced after the event and there is a potential for two (2) more that are well over \$5,000. Joe is pushing to have this done by the end of the year.

Sweeney stated that is great.

E. Consider approving invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment.

Schlecht stated we have Bedrock Nursery for \$650 for general repairs and maintenance and Great Plains Museum for \$225 for the event.

Motion by Morford, Second by Tennis, to approve invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Ezerski; Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Sweeney; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

F. Receive Treasurer Report and take action if necessary.

Schlecht stated the LETA balance is \$180,850.70 and the custodial balance is \$167,425.49. That brings the total bank account to \$340,241.19. The next page is your activity. Hotel/motel funds is \$19,752.39 and municipal fines \$15,085. Under expenses the Story Work grant was paid, Eye Candy Awards \$225, and repairs and maintenance \$650 which brings your total expenses to \$2,375 and total income for January \$32,491.70. Total income to include the custodial accounts is \$33,462.80. Are there any questions.

Brown asked where did the skate park income come from.

Schlecht stated donations.

Brown stated okay.

Rogalski stated so you know January is still too early to see any of the marijuana income.

Burk stated we will see it the last meeting of this month. It is actually on the financials now. I had it put there. At the end of this month it will show what came in for December.

Schlecht stated once it is tallied, we will have to get the check cut.

Burk asked are there any questions.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Sweeney, to accept the treasurer's report. **Aye:** Ezerski; Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Sweeney; Tennis; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

G. Receive report from Cultural Preservation Committee and take action if necessary.

Brown stated we met Monday and we finally have the policy back from legal. I took it back to the committee because I had questions. I had no idea what was going on and they were able to answer some of my questions. Councilman Hampton would like to attend the meetings since most of this stuff is in Ward 5. They are working downstairs to get him appointed to the committee.

Burk stated awesome.

Rogalski stated we are close to having a policy that we can take back to Council. We will bring it here first and then to Council.

H. Receive report from Parks and Recreation, and take action if necessary

Neitzke stated this is Marlene and she will give a presentation on the Girl Scout project.

Marlene stated I'm Teresa's mother. She is attending OSU and has a full load and couldn't be here today so I told her I would step in to give you an update. The Girl Scouts of Oklahoma has donated \$1,800 and on-line donations of \$2,700. She is waiting on a \$500 donation and that will be given when she identifies where it will go and when the ground breaking will be. There is another \$125 and \$45 that has not posted. Our goal is \$9,000. The tiles are \$3,000 a piece and we want to make sure we have those covered. I need to get with Parks and Recreation to find where it will be located. We had talked about around the war monument but we need to make sure there is enough room. It is kind of large. I'm excited and so is she.

Neitzke stated we will meet with you anytime you are ready.

Marlene stated okay.

Neitzke stated we will check out the footprint and figure out exactly where to put it.

Marlene stated that is great.

Morford stated no reflections on this project or any in the past but there is getting to be a lot of these out there. We may need to in the future decide what we are going to do. When you drive down through there you see a lot of activity there.

Burk stated it started with just one (1) or two (2) and we have grown. One good thing about passing the CIP yesterday, thanks to everyone who did all the hard work, you did an amazing job, is the parks masterplan. We have a company that will come do a parks masterplan not just for Elmer Thomas but every park. We will actually have a map that we will bring to LETA to be approved. With our input and working with those folks we will get a plan. That is the first thing we want to do. That is Step I. It may take a year to eighteen (18) months to finalize but we definitely need to have a plan and we need somebody that does those plans. I think it is going to be great. Instead of us having to refurbish our plan every time someone brings a new project and trying to figure out where it will fit or how it fits. I think we have done a great job so far but it would be nice to have some professional help. To go to our little parks and tell us what we can do to make them more attractive and appealing. Now we have the money to do that. The first thing we are going to do is spend a substantial amount of money on this park plan. I know we are excited about that. Council is going to get that done right away and I agree with it. I remember when we put the tank down there and a few other things and then all of a sudden it just exploded. I saw a photo the other day of what the park use to look like back in the 80's. It was just a mound of prairie dog holes. That was what it was. Then they got the road and everything else. The park has changed and has become so beautiful. To see the playground and splash pad really tie together.

We did a good job on planning that out. We are going to get there. We appreciate the update. Once we get closer and have a site selected and the money, we will want you to come back with a written plan of exactly what it will look like. Those are the things LETA will want to see. Then we will be able to go from there. We appreciate you being here and if there is anything you need let us know and we will make sure it happens.

Marlene stated okay.

Burk stated thank you. Is there anything else from Parks and Recreation?

Neitzke stated no. We are extremely pleased with the CIP.

Burk stated Mary Ann will tell you that the last day I pushed for an extra \$8,000,000 for beautification. There is an extra \$8,000,000, not \$800,000 but \$8,000,000. They approved it. I think what we have to do, not just Council but the city, is say we are ready to go in a different direction. We are ready to support a difference and change now. Not wait thirty (30) years for change. We have to prove it.

Rogalski stated MAPS was passed by 51% and ours was 64%.

Burk stated we are way ahead of where MAPS was the first time. You go talk to those folks and they will say it barely passed the first time. They have passed every one since with huge numbers because people believe. You have to show them results.

Ezerski stated you have to see it.

Hankins stated yes.

Burk stated we finally have above ground stuff. This is stuff people can actually feel, touch, see and believe in. To me that is what this is all about. This is finally above ground.

Tenis stated well you guys did a great job. You did an outstanding job.

Burk stated thank you. Our performance is key. Making sure we get it done and making sure we do what we said we were going to do. Finishing this building is going to be key. Getting everybody in here.

Hankins stated yes.

Burk stated it is going to be amazing to finally have all these doors opened and people coming from all different directions. Thanks for all the updates. I know you guys are excited because of all the stuff we have included for Parks and Recreation and Holiday In The Park.

Tenis stated I'm very excited.

Burk stated we are going to have electrical for the park and making that park full of stuff. If you can't get excited about this one and you only get excited about sewer lines, water lines and road projects. Now we can say Chickasha you haven't got anything on us. I can't wait.

Neitzke stated with this we will be able to have the wow factor.

Burk stated yes. It will be an instant wow factor. We can go get these things done right away.

Ezerski stated in many different categories.

Rogalski stated we have focused some of this on our youth so we are investing in them.

Burk stated and we have beautification money. We have said we are going to use the medical marijuana money for sidewalks, which we still are, but now we have this other money for roads and sidewalks. We didn't just do roads we did roads and sidewalks. We are going to be able to take this ADA plan, which I don't know if most of you realized but when we passed those three (3) locations those were on the top three (3) priorities on the ADA plan. So, we picked the right areas. I didn't know those are on their plans. I picked the one on Sheridan because I knew it was bad. My doctor asked why we didn't go from 52nd to 67th because of the kids walking in the streets along Gore. I totally agree that is one of the areas we need to address right away. Now that we have money my goal is for us to hire a contractor that works for LETA to do LETA sidewalk projects.

Rogalski stated an annual contract.

Burk stated yes, an annual contract. We are going to put it out in sections and continually putting in sidewalks so people will see. People will say did you notice they just finished a mile of sidewalk and then another mile and another. That is what I want to hear over the next few years. I want to hear that we made a huge dent and we can do it now that we have funding. I'm going to push Council to push forward with some of the things we need to do right away because some of the stuff will be funded. Anything you do in a CIP you go out and borrow the money so you don't have to wait until 2034 to do all the projects when all the tax money has come in. You put money in so you can go out and get loans to get these things done right away. You can't do all of them at one time but it sure will be nice to do some of them.

Hankins stated and it is quicker than it would have been.

Ezerski stated the quicker you do stuff so people can see, touch and feel will make the next time easier.

Hankins stated it's a trust issue.

Burk stated especially when you can go back and say we did it. Here is a list of things we did now how about doing these. Then they will buy in.

Rogalski stated we have met with a company that actually helps to manage some of the MAPS programs for Oklahoma City. They are a consultant that simply helps you manage your CIP. They will say let's do the RFP for this project and let's get the bid done for this project. This way if we bond a big chunk of projects it won't get so overwhelming for the staff. We have this little narrow channel for getting stuff done. It doesn't matter how much money you try to push through it's just going to keep squirting through with this little line.

I. Receive report from Public Relations, Website and Facebook Committees, and take action if necessary.

Ezerski stated within the last ten (10) days we have had twenty-four (24) new likes on Facebook. People are still recognizing what we are doing. The minutes we do something we need to get it posted.

Burk stated I agree. One of the companies I have is Oklahoma Sport Network and we joined with Provoto Wireless, Cable One and some other companies in different parts of the state. We are in Oklahoma City now and so we are becoming a statewide broadband company. Provoto contacted us and wanted to be on our stations and wanted us to be on theirs. I got with Lawton Proud yesterday and asked what they thought about putting Lawton Proud on OSC. We will have an OSC community channel and we want to do parades and the 4th of July celebration. There are a lot of people that can't get to the park, whether they are handicapped or elderly. Listening to it on the radio is one thing but being able to see it is a whole different deal. Provoto did some Christmas Parades and I thought they were wonderful. We have some great ideas. We have a lot of wireless cameras that we can use at different angles so people can see. I thought we should be doing that here. That would get our word out. We need to put Lawton Proud in our budget next year so we can make sure to put aside some money to help them. Yesterday 4,000 some odd people voted out of how many registered voters in Lawton. Four thousand plus that was it.

Ezerski stated there are more registered voters in some Wards.

Burk stated yes. When I voted I think there was 115 that had voted in my area. I remember time before last how many people voted. That was a presidential election in 2016. I couldn't believe that many people went and voted and yesterday it was back down. I said to someone yesterday to not forget to go vote and they asked me what we were voting on. People are not reading the newspaper any more. They are not listening to radios anymore. Radio is dying. They are dying. Internet streaming videos. That is one of the things I talked to Lawton Proud about. I told them instead of making a thirty (30) minute presentation I thought it would be better if they did small snips. I get tired of watching a thirty (30) minute presentation. They tell me that the attention span of most people is three (3) to four (4) minutes and then you get bored. I don't want to watch a snake eating something for more than three (3) to four (4) minutes. I'm done. If I'm done then I know that everybody else is. I don't care what age you are. You get to a point that you are through watching. I think they should do small segments. We would also like to do cooking shows. It would be on demand so you could watch it anytime you want. I think stuff like that would be really cool.

Morford stated stop a minute. You are way over my head. Is that on TV or cellphones?

Ezerski stated streaming.

Burk stated it would be on all of it. You can do Roku, Amazon Fire, or Apple TV. Any of those. It is not on Fidelity Cable yet. They have asked for it but we haven't worked it all out yet. I think Cable One is buying them out. If that happens, they want us to have a channel on there so they can broadcast our stuff but you can get us on a cellphone.

Morford stated it will be in addition to channel 2 then.

Burk stated yes. It would be an additional channel they would add. Our deal is the more people that see us the more attractive our advertising becomes. I think it is a great to push Lawton Proud in other parts of the state. They will see what we are doing in our community so people want to move here. An applicant will say that doesn't look as bad a place as people say. I want my crew out taking stuff of the CIP and beautification projects. I want to get shots of all that. With Tiffany on board to help lead that I think it will be great for LETA to be a big part of that and there is no cost to us. I'm putting it on there just because that is what I'm saying I'll do. I want it to be good for Lawton.

Sweeney stated last winter we interviewed a doctor and his wife. They googled Lawton and the first thing that showed up was the snake in someone's light fixture. Do you remember that last year? That was the number one thing they saw in Lawton. Maybe something else has replaced it now.

Hankins asked did they come.

Sweeney stated no, but I'm sure that wasn't the only reason.

Burk stated first impressions.

Sweeney stated first impressions. We want Lawton to look good because that is how you get young people. This young couple was looking at schools and what we had to offer. That is why I'm here. I want us to do better.

Ezerski stated economic development wins too.

Burk stated Oklahoma City proved this with the TIF Districts. Their intercity schools were dying and people were moving out. All the intercity schools have brand new athletic facilities. They are redoing the faces of these schools. The rock is the old WPA stuff. You walk around the building and you think you are in a college stadium. We play at Cameron which is so outdated. We have to fix that. When I played there a hundred years ago it felt brand new. Everybody wanted to come play on the turf because nobody had turf back then. Now everybody has turf.

Ezerski stated everybody has big screen TV's.

Burk stated New Castle Oklahoma has as big one and we don't have one at all. We can do better. I think we have to push and make our school district understand the important parts. Kids do come to areas because of their athletics. They move out of Lawton because they are going for athletics. Hopefully they can raise the money to get this new facility built for these kids and get the indoor sports complex going. I think it will be huge for our community and our kids. They are going to Oklahoma City, Tulsa and everywhere else. I hear of people driving to Dallas two (2) or three (3) times a week to let their kids participate in certain things. We don't have adult sports here and we should. We should have adult kickball. They are doing it all over the State of Oklahoma and we are not. We need to be offering that. We need every field to look like the fields we did at McMahon softball. We did a great job with that and we need every field to be sprinkled with the right kind of surface so we can maintain it. We need full time people working in those facilities instead of part time. They are doing landscape maintenance and picking up mattresses all over town instead of doing their real job. We are going to fix that.

Ezerski stated there is a need for that. Goodyear this year had the most independent teams, meaning teams from Lawton, that they have ever had in the league. It doubled this year. I think you are right on the money. You can't have enough things in recreations for adults and kids.

Burk stated there is a lot of young people and soldiers that would come out and play.

Neitzke stated you have to offer it and have a venue.

Burk stated yes. If you offer it, they will come.

J. Receive Monthly Ward Update and take action if necessary.

Burk stated I have drove through a lot of the Wards and I want to challenge you to pick one (1) thing. Pick one (1) thing out of your Ward by the next meeting that needs to be addressed and bring it back. Pick one (1) item in your Ward, now don't come tell me it's a \$400 million dollar building that has to come down tomorrow, that can be done by us that we can champion. We will have Neighborhood Services and people here that can help us get it accomplished. Deal. I'll find one (1) in my Ward. We have some openings on this board that we need help filling. It is not always easy to find someone to take these positions and come at 3:00 on a Wednesday once a month. If you know of people in certain Wards, I know in Ward 4 I need someone to fill a position and I know that Allen needs to fill his Ward.

Sweeney asked which Ward is Allen.

Burk stated Ward 5.

Sweeney stated so we have vacancies in Ward 4 and 5.

Tenis stated you have time for me.

Brown stated he isn't leaving just yet.

Tenis stated I'll be leaving three (3) months from now.

Hankins asked is Ted still a member.

Ezerski asked what Ward was Josh.

Brown stated 4. Is Ted still a member.

Burk stated his wife passed.

Brown stated yes.

Tenis stated she did that a while ago. I wasn't going to say anything but she passed before our last meeting.

Brown stated she passed in October.

Tenis stated I saw on the list that it said Mr. & Mrs. and I stated to say something.

Burk stated we probably need to keep up with how many meetings he has missed. He is in Ward 3 and then Linda can appoint someone that she would like to fill the position.

Hankins stated I did say something to him at the meeting right after she passed.

Brown stated I did too.

Hankins stated she had been sick for a long time.

Morford stated Linda has got to get Judy Odom.

Hankins stated she has a good Ward to choose from.

Burk stated yes. If you think of anyone in my Ward please let me know.

K. Receive a report from the Planning Division regarding ongoing LETA projects and take action if necessary.

Rogalski stated we are working on the designs for the sidewalks. Mike Jones is in the middle of transferring to the Engineering Division and he will be taking care of sidewalks.

Burk stated he will still be the ADA Coordinator from what he told me. He brought me a plan with an engineer's estimate of what he thought the cost would be to do these projects. They are looking at the state law again, I have legal looking at it again, to make sure that the cap on projects for the city and their Trusts before it has to go out to bid is \$75,000. I don't know if you knew that or not.

Rogalski stated I didn't.

Burk stated that is new and it just passed. They are double checking to make sure it is correct. If that is the case it will help us with some of our projects. If we do have a project that is over \$50,000, we won't have to break it into as many sections. I think that will help us. I'm proud of the fact that we have somebody on board that is actually going to design the sidewalks with us. Getting a contractor hired, I think, is imperative by our next meeting. I hope to have that done by then so we can bring it back to you. I have a list of things I would like to have done. I don't want them to go out and tear up yards and leave it a mess. Trust me it will be said that LETA and the medical marijuana money made this mess. We want to make sure when these sidewalks go in, they are right and look right. We want to make sure they are sifted right and there are rocks. We have to do whatever to get the sidewalk back right. I hear more of that than anything else. They came and did the work and the sidewalk looks great but look at my yard. Then I have to get on somebody so they will go back out and fix the yard. I don't want to go through that. I want the contractor to be responsible. I would like to have Mike since he is the one putting it together to actually go by and make sure it is right and have the city to inspect it.

Rogalski stated we have good inspectors. Having a requirement contract similar to our contract with Dennis Totte will be good. Here is the stuff and here is what it cost.

Burk stated here is how much for a ramp.

Rogalski stated it takes away a lot of the problems you have with the design. With a requirement contract he knows he is going to get paid a certain amount. You can almost tell him where it needs to go and a good contractor can get it in. He can tell you how much it cost to get it in.

Burk stated right. They will give you a cost per square foot. You are going to know what your price is. Here is the price to do it from here to here. If it is under \$75,000, we can let those contracts go. I hope to see sidewalks being built no later than April. We will have enough money to do some sections coming off Sheridan Road. There are some pieces that just need to be pieced together. Some will probably be expensive because there are lips and ups and downs.

Ezerski asked were there sidewalks in some of these places at some point and time.

Burk stated there was and some of it is still there. Some are going through parking lots that are uneven or it's asphalt and they don't do asphalt. You have to cut it out and put a sidewalk back at a certain slope. When we did the eastside what I thought was not going to be that bad was bad. I think we should be able to get donations from the businesses up and down those roads. They are going to be happy to know that there is a nice sidewalk in front of their business and it is handicapped accessible. I'm going to be honest I put in one of the nicest medical marijuana dispensaries ever in that locations.

Hankins stated we are talking Sheridan.

Brown stated maybe the liquor store next door will donate.

Burk stated honestly, the people on that road are trying. For once they are trying. They see other businesses trying and they are trying. I have seen them paint their building and brick and doing things they have never done before. Taking down the old signs, which is another thing we have to get on is the sign ordinance.

Ezerski stated yes.

Burk stated our signs are out of control.

Morford stated we don't have a sign ordinance.

Burk stated we are going to have one. I have the people on board and we are going to get one. We use to have one and then we rescinded it. We need to put something back in force. We have people with flying signs all over town.

Ezerski stated it is horrible.

Burk stated yes. It is everywhere. Little signs blowing across the street into the fences. We have to have a better plan and make sure it happens. We need to get a meeting setup. I know I will probably need to chair that one.

Rogalski stated you need to reseal that committee.

Burk stated I chair it so just get two (2) other people. I don't care who just find two (2). Just appoint somebody. If you will remind me, I'll do it at the next meeting.

Morford asked what is the status on the skatepark.

Rogalski stated we have another fundraiser planned for the spring. Since we lost Josh, we need to get the committee together.

Brown stated he was our contact person.

Rogalski stated we need to set a meeting and we need another committee member.

Hankins stated that is a young professional deal isn't it.

Burk stated yes, well no.

Hankins asked shouldn't it be.

Burk stated Richard and I are on it.

Rogalski stated we need another LETA member. We lost a member so it would be good to have another one.

Burk asked anybody interested.

Morford stated I'll do it.

Burk stated that is good with me. If you will make that happen and schedule a meeting.

Rogalski stated we don't have a time picked so we will need to pick one.

Morford asked how much money have we raised.

Rogalski stated we have a commitment once we get going.

Brown stated we have \$30,000 in the bank.

Morford asked don't we have some pledges.

Burk stated we have another \$50,000 and I think we have a match from McMahon once we get to a certain point.

Ezerski asked what is the cost.

Brown stated either \$400 or \$450.

Burk stated around \$400,000. We are getting close to \$75,000 or \$80,000. We had hoped to get \$150,000 and then hopefully McMahon would pitch in and help to get it built. We are getting really close. It won't be hard once we get that done.

Brown stated I think we had figured the casino night would be a big fundraiser.

Burk stated we were hoping that would be a \$100,000 night.

Rogalski stated it would also be the publicity for an ongoing fundraiser.

Burk stated I'm hoping that once Children United is complete we don't give up that event.

Ezerski stated no.

Burk stated even if LETA has to oversee the event and make it a LETA affair for fundraising.

Ezerski stated no, you will have maintenance.

Burk stated can you image if we had another project, like the skatepark, that needed another \$100,000. We could do another dancing event next year and we are guaranteed close to \$100,000.

Hankins asked should the annual LETA event fall into that. Is that a thought.

Burk stated it is so crowded. The event starts at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and dancing at 7:30. By the time it is done, I know for me, I was worn out.

Ezerski stated it didn't end until 9:30 or 10:00.

Burk stated it went on forever at the end but I think we have that fixed. I hope to see all of you there this year. It is a great event and you will have a great time.

Ezerski stated it is.

Burk stated it was really fun.

Rogalski stated it was fun.

Burk stated people were laughing and carrying on. It was a lot of fun.

Hankins stated if that tends to be a LETA fundraiser then maybe our annual fundraiser could fold into that. LETA doesn't need two (2).

Burk stated no. Ours is really not a fundraiser. We are not making any money.

Hankins stated no.

Burk stated it is just an awards event.

Morford stated it is just a recognition.

Burk stated it is a recognition banquet. On the downtown lighting project Richard gave me a credit card today and I'm going to make sure the lights are ordered and on the way.

Rogalski stated a local contractor, Sesco, was \$100 from the quote we got from Jasco. We have a local contractor that says he can work with Sesco and get the cost way down.

Burk stated that was me.

Rogalski stated its \$3,800 so it is not a huge number. I bet they will do something because it is LETA.

Burk stated I'm hoping to get the lights up within the next month. They have to do it on the weekend when the weather is right. It can't be too windy or raining. It can't be blowing 40 miles per hour and up in a lift. They have to put the anchors on the pole and all that.

Ezerski stated good luck in March with the wind.

Brown stated Victor told me he had a source out of California on the cable. He is checking to see what he can get.

Rogalski stated that will be one source to get both things.

Burk stated that would be nice. I talked to Caleb Davis's father and he said as soon as we have everything to let him know and he would get it up as quickly as possible. They know they have to do it on the weekend.

Rogalski asked do they know they still need to buy the parts.

Burk stated yes. I told them to get the piece and we would pay for it. I told them we didn't know exactly what we needed so he would have to tell us.

Brown stated right.

Burk stated obviously after the first one they will want to bid on the other. They will want to give us a block by block price. If we get the first block put up for zero to me that is huge.

Ezerski asked and that was 5th to 6th.

Brown stated yes.

Burk stated if anyone has friends there, we still have donations letters. If they can give \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or anything. Let us know if you know someone so we can collect it now. I talked to Vera and she said she would donate \$1,000. I will get with Steve Newcombe. If we could get enough to cover the material that would be amazing. Our first number was really high and scared us to death. It was \$46,000 and if we can get the first one done for less than \$10,000, I'm the happiest guy in town.

Ezerski stated I think people will get really excited when they see them.

Burk stated I do too.

Rogalski stated we change it a little. We are going to leave the cobra heads to provide security lighting and we are providing decorative lighting.

Burk stated I don't know if you have been to the Jones Assembly in Oklahoma City but they have our lights.

Ezerski stated yes, the lighting is cool.

Burk stated that it is. It is probably 20 to 25' high and it is bright.

Ezerski stated it is.

Burk stated it is bright. It is much brighter than you think. That crap that they put up in C town is just bad. Ours is going to look amazing. Jones Assembly is about 20' in the air and it is from building to building. It looks stunning.

McConnell asked where is it.

Burk stated downtown on Film Road. It is anew area with great restaurants and stuff. There's a theater and all kinds of really cool stuff. If you haven't been you need to go check it out. They have redone everything.

Ezerski stated it is a restaurant and occasionally they have concerts.

Burk stated I was there the other night and they had a play on the corner. It was just a fun night. They were having something at the civic center so you couldn't find a parking place. They have torn down a couple of buildings to build a parking garage.

Hankins asked have you seen the lights that shine on Centenary.

Burk stated yes.

Hankins stated I think we will have those here.

Burk asked did you get it done.

Hankins stated just about.

Burk stated you are the woman. You are the one. See how wonderful she is.

Hankins stated it wasn't that hard.

Burk asked is there anything else.

Brown stated I spoke with Melody at ODOT about the wildflowers. She said the best time to plant is early November so we have missed it. She thought it had been a year since we planted and I told her it had been at least two (2). This year will be our third. She told me to let her know by late September and she will make sure we are on the list.

Burk stated the people we bought the seed from are no longer in business.

Brown stated she said that was still her contact and she gave me another one.

Burk stated we might want to try another one since those seeds died.

Sweeney asked is that on your calendar to call her in September.

Brown stated yes, I have it written down to start this summer.

Sweeney stated good.

McConnell asked I wonder why in the fall. I put my out in the spring.

Brown stated they like to wait until after the last mowing and then get them in the ground before it gets really cold.

Morford asked will they do it now.

Brown stated no.

Burk stated we can do it but the state won't.

Morford stated the state doesn't always do what's right.

Burk stated I agree but it is their equipment.

Morford asked are they just broadcasting out.

Burk stated they have a sprigging machine.

Neitzke stated it is a no till machine.

Burk stated and we don't have one.

Morford stated it hasn't done very well because I couldn't see any.

Burk stated I saw some but they are not as thick as we want. We want a wow factor.

Morford stated they did a great job on the ones at the Medicine Park Y going east.

McConnell stated they reseeded those.

Tenison stated those have been there for years.

McConnell stated they reseeded. It would be nice to get some that would reseed.

Burk stated they were supposed to reseed. Once it gets going, we will be good. You won't have to seed them all the time. Our problem was we were in a drought. Our first year we had no water.

Brown stated and it was really cold.

Burk stated it was cold cold. They believe the seeds didn't get enough water and so they didn't make it.

Tenis stated they didn't germinate.

Burk stated yes.

Neitzke stated there is a lot of perennials in there and they take at least a year or two (2) before they start to show and flower.

Burk stated they told us we needed to wait that we were being impatient.

Morford stated at home I throw them out this time of year and they come up.

Burk stated is there anything else.

L. Receive a report from the Eye Candy Committee and take action if necessary.

Tenis stated can I make a suggestion. This is going to be a lengthy conservation. I would prefer we get the other things done and then we can come back to this.

Burk stated okay.

2. Unfinished Business

None

3. New Business

A. Approve the minutes of October 9, 2019 and December 11, 2019.

Motion by Tennis, Second by Hankins, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2019 and December 11, 2019. **Aye:** Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Sweeney; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

B. Receive a presentation on the 2020 Greater Lawton Rotary Flag Program and take action as necessary.

Harris stated I agree with you on the way the town looks. It effects your civic pride and the thirty (30) years I have been here that has been a continued issue. The Rotary Club has been working on this for a long time and I have expanded it. I have recently taken over for the club and for the last fifteen (15) years they have been putting up flags in neighborhoods. It cost \$50 a year and on the five (5) flag holidays we go out and install a 10' flag in your front yard. We put a sleeve in your yard and then insert the flag. Then we come back and pick it up. The flags are lit so we are obeying all the flag rules and regulations. Our problem is not having enough people to put them throughout the community. I have identified several things in the community that we have. We have the world's largest Armed Forces Day Parade and a wonderful 4th of July festival. We have 1000 to 2000 people coming into town on those holidays. What if they were driving up and

down Cache Road and throughout the community on a flag holiday and they saw 1000 flags. Everywhere you went you would see an American flag. When you see this, you will think something cool is going on so let's go see what it is. What if we turned this into a larger campaign with the newspaper and Channel 7. We could start re-braining the community and giving ourselves something to take pride in. For now, we have about 185 flags. I have identified four (4) major businesses here in town that have said they would like to be a commercial sponsor. I would like to buy ten (10) flags to either be out in front of their business or on a major thoroughfare. I want to go down Cache Road in the medians with grass and put up these flags. Then maybe move to Gore and Sheridan. If your major thoroughfares have these flags people driving through will think it is cool and it will remind them something is going on. This is a simple way to help change the image of Lawton which we have all battled. It is a simple project. I have plans to get some other groups involved and some volunteers. To put them in the medians we have to have permission from the city and you. We have talked with the City Manager and the Mayor. We will need someone to locate the water and electrical lines.

Ezerski asked how deep do they go.

Harris stated the sleeve is 14" and we put them an inch deeper so it is sitting below dirt level. This way it isn't hit by the mowers. We cap them to keep the rocks, grass and animals from getting in it.

Morford stated while we are putting in sidewalks, we could put the sleeves into the sidewalk.

Harris stated that would be cool.

Morford stated we did it in the Enclave.

Harris stated yes, the Enclave has their own flag project.

Burk asked did you do that.

Morford stated no I'm sure Ron Jarvis did.

Harris stated Ron Jarvis did. Disclosure, this is a fundraiser for the Rotary. In the neighborhoods we are not affected by we are going to continue to sell those. My idea is to get the businesses on Cache Road to sponsor the median in front of their business. In some places the median is sponsored and they will sponsor the cost of the flag. We have \$35 in the whole ensemble. It's not terribly expensive. I want to start slow to see if once we have put them out that they don't start to disappear. It is a simple plan and won't cost the city a dime. We are not asking for any participation. If we have something further, we will come back to you. I'm slowly trying to change the image of the community and it goes hand in hand with what you are doing.

Hankins stated we have someone that put them up and takes them down at night.

Harris stated we were doing it on the holiday and due to weather sometimes that wasn't possible. We set them out three (3) days before and they have a solar light on top.

Sweeney stated our neighborhood does it and we have gotten a lot of positive feedback. Not everyone in the neighborhood but we are trying to build on that. They come every holiday and the lights work. It is a good system you have going and it is certainly working in our neighborhood.

Morford stated it looks nice.

Sweeney stated it does and we are a military town.

Harris stated my goal this year is to add another 75 flags. Those will probably be somewhere along Cache Road. In ten (10) years I want to have 1000 flags in the neighborhoods and up and down the streets. This affects the citizens and visitors.

Burks asked if a neighborhood wanted to do this what does it cost.

Harris stated currently we charge \$50 but we are going to bump it to \$60 due to the windstorm damaging some of our lights and flags. We give a discount if you are a business or a neighborhood association. Two (2) neighborhood associations have six (6) outside their gates. We gave them a tremendous discount. It just takes one (1) truck and one (1) guy and it doesn't take any more time. I think we charged them half price for the additional flags.

Burk stated so basically it is \$60 a year per flag.

Harris stated yes.

Sweeney asked and how many holidays is that.

Harris stated five (5) flag holidays. The last flag holidays, Veteran's Day, there was 40 mile an hour winds and we had trees falling on flags. In this year's proposal it states if there is increment weather on a holiday, we will pick another day. You will still get your flag. I'm sure we have all seen the military graduation and they are so proud of their sons and daughters. They come to town and a lot stay at the Hilton. The Hilton wants to be a sponsor to help line flags on 2nd Street. Maybe we will put a few in the park. When those parents drive down through there, they will go wow.

Morford asked what do you want from us.

Harris stated we need permission to put them on the public medians.

Morford stated that is a Council responsibility.

Burk stated no, it will come from us.

Rogalski stated a recommendation will be made by LETA.

Burk stated a recommendation will come from us and then I'll have to take it to Council to get it approved. That is how it works.

Rogalski stated the only issue is the safety of the person putting the flags up and taking them down. We have mowers that do the same thing so it is not unreasonable. That is going to be the city's issue.

Harris stated if you put one in front of your home it shows your pride. If you put them in the median it shows the town embraces this and it is more of a community thing than a personal thing even those the flags maybe sponsored. The median at 20th and Cache Road is one of the prettiest medians in town when the trees are blooming and when they turn red.

Morford asked do you put them on both sides of the median.

Harris stated I will probably put them in the middle so they can't get molested.

Burk stated I can see a car jumping the curb and knocking one out.

Morford stated they knocked a stop light out.

Burk stated being in the middle is a better idea.

Ezerski stated it would be.

Harris stated we are going to start slow this year. Probably pick one (1) mile and see how it goes and see what the response is from the community. I suspect there will be a lot that say they want to be a part of it. My handicap now is I have to have people with pickup trucks to put them out. Classic Chevrolet is on board and I suspect Billingsley will get on board.

Motion by Morford, to make a recommendation to City Council to allow the Rotary Club to place flags in the medians on the five (5) flag holidays.

Burk stated I love the idea but I think you need to get with Richard about the safety issue. That will be a key issue to Council. That will be the first thing that comes up.

Rogalski stated I believe we will want to talk about specific locations.

Burk stated yes. Where are we talking about? If you will get that then within a month we should have something to take to Council.

Harris asked do you have a mile stretch you would like to see done first.

Morford stated Gate 4.

Burk stated I was thinking the same thing only for the fact it is coming off Fort Sill and that is the main entrance now. Everybody has to go there even if they are a visitor.

Harris stated the only reason I was thinking Fort Sill Boulevard is because it is Hero Boulevard.

Burk stated there are no medians there.

Harris stated Sheridan carries a lot more traffic.

Burk stated a ton of traffic. Going in and coming out.

Ezerski stated I would say the second location would be along Cache Road between Fort Sill Boulevard and Sheridan. That is your next big entrance into the community.

Harris stated eventually I see this being all over.

Burk stated that is not a problem. I think it is a great plan.

Harris stated it is going to take a lot of citizens pride. I'm going to have to have volunteers. I have been here for thirty (30) years now and I love this community deeply. The vote yesterday was awesome. I remember when I came here the park was this big dirt patch and now there is something going on there all the time. It is a beautiful and awesome park. You need to keep moving with that plan because that is the first thing people see when they come around that corner. That is the first thing I saw when I came to town.

Burk stated now you see that big fountain spraying up real high.

Harris stated maybe eventually we will have bigger flags that are permanently mounted in those medians.

Burk stated find out the number of flags it will take to go from Rogers Lane to Cache Road on Sheridan.

Harris asked are there medians down the entire road.

Burk stated not all of it but pretty much.

Rogalski stated they are little splotchy medians.

Harris stated I think if you have two (2) flags a block that would be nice.

Burk stated I don't know how many blocks that would be.

Harris stated probably about ten (10) blocks. I'll check it out.

Burk stated so we are talking twenty (20) flags. What is the cost on twenty (20) flags to get this done?

Sweeney stated he is saying there is no cost.

Burk stated I understand that.

Harris stated twenty (20) flag would be \$600.

Burk stated if LETA were to donate a \$1,000 to get this first section done....

Harris stated I will personally have it done in time for the first flag holiday, which is Armed Forces Day.

Motion by Morford, **Second** by Tennis, to approve donating \$1,000 to the Lawton Rotary Club for flags to be purchased to place in the medians on Sheridan Road from Rogers Lane to Cache Road. **Aye:** Hankins; McConnell; Morford; Smith; Sweeney; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk stated thank you Kelly. We will help with some more roads. I know you will make it right. I think this is huge and yes, I want community buy in along our main thoroughfares. I believe if LETA will help we can get a lot of flags up in a quick hurry. Make sure every time you mention this you have LETA somewhere.

Ezerski stated if you need a truck let me know so I can reserve one for you.

Burk stated I have box trucks so let me know. Make sure it is known that LETA is the one sponsoring those flags.

Harris asked do you have any LETA signs like real estate signs we could use.

Burk stated we don't like those signs. I want to get Channel 7 to do an interview and it would be nice if you mentioned LETA. We need to get everybody talking about this.

Harris stated I have already talked to them and they said whatever we needed they were all in.

Burk stated if they know that we have done the first section then maybe other businesses will jump on board. That is going to be a tough road to sell. When you get on Cache Road it will be a lot easier. This will help you make money and we will fill in some blanks to make sure it gets done quickly.

Harris stated awesome.

McConnell stated this would be nice by the new police station. That area you were talking about trying to clean up.

Burk stated yes. Gore is wide enough you could go down both sides.

McConnell stated that would be really nice.

Burk stated or maybe stagger them. That would be really cool.

Harris stated I'm telling you when people drive in town and see those. If you see one (1) it is nice but when you see 50 you are going to what to know what's happening.

Burk stated coming down Sheridan when they see the twenty (20) they are going to want to know who did it.

Ezerski stated I really like that idea.

Burk stated thank you Kelly.

Brown stated we have this amendment.

Addendum

1. To accept a grant from the McMahon Foundation for the Scout Project of Nicholas Sasseen and to grant that money to Nicholas Sasseen.

Burk stated I don't know that we can grant that money to Nicholas Sasseen. I think we have to buy the material. The last time I got into this with Frank, and I don't want to do that again, LETA can't just give the money to an individual. LETA can't do a project that is not city owned or city functional. LETA can't pay someone unless we have a contract and he is not a contractor. I would rather see us accept the McMahon grant and he has to bring us the receipts and we will refund the money.

Morford stated that is under the 501(c)3 regulations.

Burk stated yes. I think it is asking too much to say grant that money to Nicholas Sasseen.

Rogalski stated the initial grant went to him. Did we buy materials.

Burk stated I can't do that.

Morford stated they can't do it either.

Burk stated that is why they want to give it to us. We have to make sure it is done correctly and legally. I don't want to get us in trouble. I would like to see us accept the McMahon Foundation Grant for Nicholas Sasseen but to scratch to grant the money to go to Nicholas Sasseen.

Motion by Ezerski, **Second** Sweeney, to approve the grant from the McMahon Foundation for the Sasseen project. **Aye:** McConnell; Morford; Smith; Sweeney; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hankins. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk stated now we will go back to item C.

C. Receive a report from the Eye Candy Committee and take action if necessary.

Sweeney stated we are ready to pick our winners. The committee came up with these suggestions but we are not committed to them. We want to get everyone's opinion but we want a decision made today. For Visionary Leader either David Madigan or Joe Chesko, Champion Volunteer Max Sasseen, and Bellino Lifetime Achievement Award Lon Parks. We need more names to discuss so we can make a decision.

Hankins stated we wondered about Vera Oldham. Every time she does something she goes way beyond.

Burk stated we have to find someone that doesn't get paid to do what they are doing. I mean that is ultimately what this is about.

Hankins stated yes, but we ran out of names.

Burk stated not that she isn't deserving.

Tennis stated I will say over the years since I have been here if we don't have anybody, we just don't do it.

Burk stated but we have always had someone for that award.

Sweeney stated but we could switch someone from Visionary to Lifetime.

McConnell asked what is the lifetime. What kind of person are you wanting?

Burk stated somebody that has gone above and beyond for a long period of time. Max Sasseen has won before. I do believe Joe Chesko is a great idea for Visionary Leader due to Children United. That is a sold deal for me. I'm in on that.

Sweeney stated okay. Next is Champion Volunteer.

Burk stated think of somebody that volunteers all the time. Who won last year?

Sweeney stated Albert Rivas.

Burk stated okay, that is what you are looking for.

McConnell asked what about Sharon Cheatwood.

Tenis stated she was an Arts and Humanities person.

Morford stated she was an employee.

Brown stated she is not an employee any longer. She retired in August.

Burk stated yes, but she was an employee doing the job. We are looking for somebody that is doing it because they want to do it.

Hankins asked what does Annett Wiseman do.

Burk stated not much. Toni Capra runs the Mayor's Commission. Jennifer Ellis did a couple of years ago and we gave her an award. Toni has run it for the past two (2) or three (3) years. She has been the chair since Jennifer left. I think she would be a great person for it. They have the thing where they fill up purses with women's hygiene needs and she spear headed that. I wouldn't have a problem with that.

Hankins stated I wouldn't either.

Tenis stated I wouldn't either.

Sweeney asked this is Champion Volunteer.

Burk stated yes. She has given her time.

Hankins stated she is sure not lazy about it.

Burk stated they have a closet full of women's cloths called Suits For Success. Women can come in and get a suit for job interviews. They will size them. They have big racks and you come in and go shopping. They can get three (3) suits for interviews and a new job. It think this is awesome. Their event is coming up. They have a yearly event and they have made it into a nice event. We will do her for Champion Volunteer.

Rogalski stated then you have Community Project.

Brown stated Community Project and Commercial Eye Candy.

Sweeney stated we thought about Arvest for Eye Candy with their new bank.

Tenis stated I have a statement to make about that. The neighborhood I'm in you don't see a lot. JP has spent a lot of money. I wanted him to win last year and it was voted down by a church which isn't commercial technically.

Burk stated Mike, are we sure that he hasn't already had it.

Tenis state in 2007. He has done a lot since then.

Ezerski stated I have no problem with that.

Burk stated I have no problem either. I think he has done a great job. I noticed the other day he has totally redone the backside.

Tenis stated he always has nice landscaping. I mean he does everything without someone telling him to do it. That is just my suggestion.

Burk asked what does everybody think about that. We haven't given it to him since 2007 and that is a long time.

Hankins stated I just don't like the same people getting all the awards.

Tenis stated I look at it as what have you done.

Burk stated our thoughts were if it had been ten (10) years since you had the award and if you had done something new, we would reconsider. Keeping your property is half the battle. Most people let their stuff die and don't take it up or put it back.

Tenis stated his stuff is beautiful all the time.

Burk stated I don't have a problem giving it to him at all. I can't think of anybody else off the top of my head.

Tenis stated not in my neighborhood.

Burk asked any other neighborhood have an idea. Something in your neighborhood that is outstanding. I just can't think of anything that is extraordinary and he has done a great job of keeping it.

Tenis stated he does it all the time.

Burk stated I'm in for that.

Hankins stated White Buffalo Coffee Shop along Cache Road but it's not outstanding.

Burk stated it just got done and he has one (1) area that I'm still not happy with.

Sweeney stated we don't have the Lifetime Achievement winner. We need to nail that one down.

Morford stated I may get shot for throwing this out but what about Fred.

Tenis asked Fred Fitch.

Morford stated yes.

Hankins stated maybe next time.

Burk stated he has done a lot for this community and he has a lot of his own money to make things happen. He never asks for a thing. I don't know if she would want it but what about Janice Drewry. Has she won?

Sweeney stated yes.

Morford stated Pat Henry is another one.

Rogalski stated she has won before.

Morford stated you need to consider Fred.

Burk asked who chairs the McMahon Foundation now.

Tenis stated Mike Mayhall.

Sweeney stated I think that's it.

Hankins stated I was thinking they had a new chair.

Burk stated I think he is still the chair.

Ezerski stated you could pick anyone of those board members. Phil Kennedy.

Sweeney stated Phil Kennedy has done a lot. Have we honored him? I think we put him on the list of people to consider this year.

Burk stated I don't mind Fred Fitch.

Tenis stated I don't have a problem with him.

Burk stated I really don't have a problem with that.

Morford stated we did Stan one year.

Burk stated let me say that Natalie Fitch is a huge Champion Volunteer.

Sweeney stated now that is true.

Ezerski stated yes, Natalie would be awesome.

Sweeney stated maybe we should do Natalie.

Ezerski stated I would say Natalie.

Burk stated she has been amazing.

Ezerski asked do you know how much money she has raised for the hospital foundation.
Oh my gosh.

Morford stated we could recognize both of them.

Burk stated that is a little bit of an overload.

Morford stated we have done it before.

Hankins stated we did do the Dishman's but that doesn't mean we need to do it again.

Sweeney asked so Natalie.

Burk stated I just think that Natalie has done a great job.

Ezerski stated she almost single handily raised the money for the Devenchie deal for the hospital foundation.

Burk stated yes. She is amazing.

Sweeney stated and Alzheimer.

Ezerski stated yes, Alzheimer.

Burk stated Toni does a great job but she isn't off the board yet. Once she is off, we could give it to her.

Sweeney asked okay, we are switching Natalie to Champion Volunteer.

Burk stated Champion Volunteer. I think so.

Sweeney stated we still don't have a Bellino winner.

Burk stated for the Bellino award I think maybe someone from the McMahon Foundation.
Those guys or ladies. I don't know who is on that board.

Sweeney stated I don't think there are any women.

Hankins stated I was going to ask if there were any women on that board.

McConnell stated Bellino may have an idea.

Burk stated she had an idea of vote no.

McConnell stated I just thought you were using her name.

Ezerski asked what about Ron Jarvis.

Hankins stated he does a lot of good stuff. I like him but he is my neighbor.

Rogalski stated he is the one that does your landscaping.

Burk stated I thought most of those guys have been there forever and have served for years and years. They have finally moved up to chairman and that is like the crown jewel to be the chairman of the McMahon Foundation.

Morford stated yes, but they have kind of changed it in the last couple of years.

Burk stated it is the younger guys.

Morford stated well you know that Graybill was the chairman of it forever. Since Graybill Kenneth Bridges was chair for three (3) years and Todd Bridges for two (2) and now Mike.

Burk stated some of those guys are young and have plenty of time.

Morford stated you had to be old to be on it before.

Hankins stated I still don't know if there are any women on it.

Morford stated there isn't any women.

Ezerski stated Phil is like 57 and he help to start LEDC.

Burk stated so did Fred. Actually, Fred and I were on our way to Oklahoma City when he came up with the idea. He said we need to fix this. He didn't have a name.

Ezerski stated if we are giving an award to Natalie, I don't know that you want to give one to Fred.

Burk stated that is what I said.

McConnell stated I would say no.

Burk stated I would think no.

McConnell stated there has to be more people that we are not thinking of.

Sweeney stated we have to leave this meeting with our names.

Burk stated I took the list home and thought oh my. That list is long.

Hankins stated with Max we are going to have to keep it secretive, right. We will have to have someone tape him.

Sweeney stated I don't think we are going to do that.

Brown stated we aren't doing that. I did talk to Tiffany and she said she would tape him for us.

Hankins stated I think he gives way beyond.

Sweeney stated we switched Natalie Fitch to that spot.

Burk stated so Joe Chesko, Natalie Fitch, and now we are on the third one.

McConnell stated JP Richard.

Sweeney stated yes, for Commercial Eye Candy.

Brown stated we have Bellino and the Community Project. We scratched the government one.

Sweeney stated for Bellino we have Ron Jarvis, Mike Mayhall, and is there anybody else that we would like to add to that.

Morford asked what is this for.

Sweeney stated this is the Bellino Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ezerski stated I would be okay with Mike.

Hankins stated you can scrape one of the awards but not that one. This isn't a good time to scrape that one.

Morford stated I mean it's just politics for Mike.

Burk stated I think it would be good politics. I'm not kidding you.

Ezerski stated I have no problem with that.

Burk stated every time we have asked for money recently, they have said yes. They believe in what we are doing.

Morford stated the whole town treats him like their father. They bad mouth him all the time and then say give me.

Sweeney asked so are we going to give it to Mike Mayhall. Is everybody okay with that.

Ezerski stated yes, I'm good with that.

Sweeney stated okay.

Burk stated Community Project.

Sweeney stated if we don't have a good one let's skip it this year.

Hankins stated that is what I thought too.

Sweeney stated we are adding some other things to the program. We are going to have two (2) speakers so we need to shorten our awards unless you have something really outstanding.

Burk asked does anybody have any ideas.

Rogalski stated there is stuff but it isn't done.

Sweeney stated yes.

Burk stated I know. I can think of three (3) or four (4) projects but none of them are complete.

Sweeney stated that is the problem that we had. I would say let's skip it. We don't want to lengthen our program that much.

Morford stated in about two (2) years we will have a new airport for you.

Sweeney stated I'm sorry but I have to go. We have them all filled so we are good. Charlotte are we missing anything.

Brown stated no.

Hankins asked are we still going to meet on Monday.

Brown stated yes.

Sweeney stated Jay, you could come and go over the program.

Burk asked when.

Brown stated Monday at 10:30 in Planning.

Burk stated I think you guys have it.

Brown stated we are going to go over the invitation list.

Tenis stated I looked though it the other day and we need to add other people.

Sweeney stated we need to add some and take some off.

Tenis stated taking them off is the easy part.

Sweeney stated okay, if there is someone you want to invited let us know because the invitations are going to go out soon.

Burk stated I would like to say one thing. We have been in the same location for a while. I think it is about time we start trying to figure out another venue. I was hoping that next year we would be able to have it at the Farmers Market.

Sweeney stated I love that idea.

Burk stated they are going to start construction and it is about a ten (10) month project. It should be done.

Tenis stated that is a great idea.

Ezerski stated maybe some of the veggie trays can come from the Farmers Market.

Sweeney stated yes.

Burk stated it will be free and we can use it. We can have it catered. I'm just thinking of new things and places we can use.

Hankins stated Kerry and I talked about that.

Sweeney stated to have it at the Farmers Market meets our mission statement. I think that is a perfect fit.

Morford stated we went to the museum because it was new.

Burk stated and we have had it there for a while.

Sweeney stated this is our third year. I think it would be a good time to move and keep it fresh.

Burk stated they have a covering so we won't have to have a tent.

Hankins stated we have done away with the tent. Did you know that.

Burk stated no.

Hankins stated the vendors didn't feel like it was worth their time.

Burk stated I don't think so either. There is an area that is underneath the building and that is a lot easier than getting a tent.

Hankins stated this will save money.

Burk stated and the tent was in the grass. It was cool because people did gather out there.

Hankins stated I thought it was too and they seemed to be having a good time.

Burk stated we have to be able to say to the vendors if you bring stuff either LETA will buy it or we will auction it off. They were having to pick it all up and take it back. We should have thought that through and auctioned off their stuff. Give it to us at your cost and thank you for doing it.

Hankins stated and we had the competitors and it wasn't right last year.

Brown stated Bedrock is going to donate three (3) door prizes.

Burk stated we have a new median that is going to be done by Comanche Home Center. I got the okay this morning for them to find the waterline so they can tap into it. Kevin Williams is going to do the medians for Phil Kennedy and they will take full maintenance forever. They will maintain them 100%. This is another cool thing for downtown. They are going to start right away.

Ezerski asked where is that.

Burk stated by Comanche Home Center where it curves on 1st Street. It is right there at the curve.

Hankins asked has he come back from Dallas.

Burk stated yes. Thank you again for supporting the CIP and for going out and talking. A lot of friends said they talked to so and so. I know you were out talking and I'm glad it is over.

Tenis stated I'm so happy. I can't even tell you how happy I am. I don't stay up late and when I got up this morning the first thing I did was read the paper. Almost 65%.

Burk stated huge numbers compared to the first MAPS program. That is what we tried to design it after. We tried to get a bunch of stuff and not little pieces. Do big jobs in a lot of different areas. I couldn't believe some of the responses from people not wanting it to happen.

Tenis stated you always have those.

Hankins stated you need to get moving vans and line them up to move people out that hate it here.

Burk stated thank you.

4. Announcements

There being nothing further the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Motion by Tennis, **Second** by Ezerski, to adjourn. **Aye:** Morford; Smith; Tennis; Burk; Ezerski; Hankins; McConnell. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

5. Adjournment