

MINUTES
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
March 30, 2023

Minutes of the Special City Planning Commission meeting held March 30, 2023 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by David Denham.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Denham
John Jones
Ron Jarvis
Deborah Jones
Allen Smith
Neil Springborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Logan (excused)
Shelli Fox (excused)
Darren Medders (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Madison Aust, Recording Secretary
Charlotte Brown, Director of Community Services/Planning
Kameron Good, Senior Planner
Tyler Pobiedzinski, Planner I
Cynthia Augustine, Real Properties Administrator
Gary Brooks, Community Development Administrator
Broderick Jackson, Rehabilitation Specialist
Kim McConell, The Lawton Constitution

Erin Owens, Trinity Autism Clinic
Clint Kerr, Trinity Autism Clinic
Tony Hosey, Trinity Autism Clinic
Lizent Hosey, Trinity Autism Clinic
Mark Bridges, Citizen
Brooke Brown, Grandeur of Grace
Randy Cairgle, Citizen
Daphine Cairgle, Citizen

Judy Neale, Citizen

Bernita Taylor, MIGHT

Marcia Fraizer, Teen Court

Glen Ryswyk, Clinical Director Christian Family Counseling Center

Jeannine Lily, Interim Director Center for Creative Living

Latricia Kippers, Program Director Marie Detty New Directions

Sarah Svec, Executive Director Family Promise

Brooke Brown, Vice President Grandeur of Grace

Jasmine Cry, Shelter Director C Carter Crane

Jervis Jack, Program Coordinator Lawton Support Services

2. Verify Posting of Meeting

Meeting was posted on March 3, 2023 by Kobe Humble at 10:10am.

3. Establish a quorum

4. Consider approving the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting.

Motion by John Jones, Second by Springborn, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting. **Aye:** Springborn, Smith, Deborah Jones, Jarvis, John Jones, Denham **Nay:** None
Motion Passed

Business

5. Hold a public hearing to consider a change of zoning from R-4 High Density Apartment District to C-1 Local Commercial District zoning classification and a change to the 2030 Land Use Plan from Residential/ Low Density to Commercial for the property located at 1212 NW Arlington Avenue, Lawton Ok 73507.

Good stated good afternoon, Chairman, Kameron Good Senior Planner with the Planning Department. We have a request for rezoning from the R-4 High Density Apartment District to C-1 Commercial Zoning District. This is off Arlington between 13th and 12th Street. The hospital to the east acquired these lots, there used to be a structure on these lots. There were a couple of fires, and the structure was demoed. So, it is vacant now. It is currently zoned R-4 with R-4 to the North, R-4 to the West, C-1 to the East and C-5 to the South. The purposed zoning is C-1, as you can see from this aerial shot it is currently over trees and you can there was a structure that is

no longer there. The hospital to the east is wanting to rezone this to build a parking lot the purposed site plan is here. There are conditions to do a tree buffer and opaque screening to the west side of that due to the residential use. We did send notice to 27 property owners with 300 hundred on March 8th and it was posted in The Lawton Constitution on March 12th. There were no phone calls or letters against this item.

Denham asked any questions for Mr. Good? I'm noticing staff is not making recommendations on more recent items. Is that by design or?

Brown responded yes, felt after visiting with Legal we felt we would prefer that the committees should just have the facts from staff, and the applicant is going to provide the information and leave it up to the committees to make whatever decision they feel like.

Good stated we will answer questions about code. So, of these requests are Board of Adjustments those are variance requested that are in code. We are strictly here to enforce what code said. Current zoning says this they are requesting to change that. We can answer questions about that.

Deborah Jones respond Mr. Chairman, here it is a new day. The Planning Department writes the compressive plans that is approved by this body and the Council. Oklahoma Statutes you must be compliant with the comprehensive plan before you can rezone. I cannot believe we are recommending staffs' recommendation they not provide opinion which to me is a fact. It's your professional opinion. It's not a personal opinion it's a professional opinion. We have a Land Use Plan that is out of date by a probably a decade. We have a Transportation Plan that is out of date. I think it's important whether you agree with it or not that we get a professional staff recommendation.

Denham stated that's the way it has always been done but that's not the way you need to do it, but I noticed on a couple of items it would be nice to have such guidance from the professionals. So maybe that is something we can agenda for another meeting and see if Legal will

Deborah Jones stated I would like to see Legal comment on this.

Denham stated this came out of the blue without us really noticing. Without being notified.

Brown responded we will work on that.

Denham stated okay. We will address that in a future meeting. But in the meantime, we do have an idea here and are there any other questions before I declare the public meeting (he meant hearing) open. I will declare the public hearing to change the zoning from R-4 High Density Apartment District to C-1 Local Commercial District zoning and a change to the 2030 Land Use Plan from Residential/ Low Density to Commercial for the property located at 1212 NW Arlington to please approach the podium and give your name. If you do speak will need you to sign in. Seeing no one approach I will close the public hearing. Members of the Commission what is your preference?

Deborah Jones responded Mr. Chairman I would like to offer the Commission an alternative to the rezoning and use permitted on review. A medical facility is permitted in an R-4 district

because of cumulative zoning it is listing in the R-3 district therefore it rolls into the R-4 as a use permitted on review. What I like to offer is that we tie lots 10 through 16 I believe it was, to ask the applicant to tie them together were they cannot be sold separately. Therefore, they become a medical facility in other words the parking lot cannot be used for different commercial use other than medical facility. Leave it R-4 we advertise as a use permitted on review tying those lots together and therefore they don't need to rezone, they simply will be looking at this site plan you're looking at today for the parking lot.

Denham stated you said lots 10 through 16 and I believe we are only discussing 10 through 12.

Deborah Jones stated well I want all of those lots tied together. That's how you get to a medical facility.

Brown responded it would be one through twelve.

Deborah Jones stated I'm sorry one through twelve. You took my map away.

Denham stated now I'm a little more on board.

Deborah Jones responded I apologize.

Denham asked does staff have anything on this to prohibit us from considering that.

Brown responded no, you guys are able to consider because you guys just make the recommendation to Council so your recommendation could be that we take it back as a use permitted on review and tie all those lots together.

Deborah Jones stated as well as what Kameron recommended in his review.

Brown stated yes.

Denham stated subject to these conditions. Would that be an alternative motion?

Deborah Jones stated yes, that's a (cannot discern audio)

Motion by Deborah Jones Second by John Jones, to deny the rezoning and to bring it back as a use permitted on review and marry lots 10-16. **Aye:** Smith, Deborah Jones, Jarvis, John Jones, Denham, Springborn **Nay:** None **Motion Passed**

6. Hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Use Permitted on Review to allow and Autism & Behavior Services Medical Facility to be located in a Residential (R-4) zone for the property located at 502 NW Fort Sill Boulevard, Lawton, OK 73501.

Good stated good afternoon, Kameron Good Senior Planner with the Planning Department. This is a use permitted on review to allow a medical facility within an R-4 zoning. As I did mention in the previous item the medical facility is list in the R-3 zoning as a use permitted on review and then on the R-4 zoning it says every use is a use is a use permitted on review. So that is where we get to this. This is located off of Northwest Fort Sill Boulevard. Lots 1 of Block 6 Mountain View. The current zoning is R-4 the area to the North, South, and West are also R-4. And the

area across Fort Sill Boulevard is R-2. On the proposed site plan, they do show one parking and an existing driveway to be striped as handicapped. This is required amount of 11 parking spaces for this facility and that would be a subject to condition that they do that or the apply through the Board of Adjustments to lower the parking requirements. They do have an existing fence on the northside and partial southside. They would need to extend the opaque screening to the north property line along with adding a tree buffer. This was mailed to 27 property owners within 300 feet on March 8th and posted in The Lawton Constitution on March 12, 2023. We did receive a petition against this item, and it did have the proper number of signatures to require a super majority at City Council.

Denham stated thank you sir. Are there any questions of Kameron? I will go ahead and declare the public hearing open. Anyone speaking for or against this item please again approach the podium and sign in. If you have already signed in, please let me know.

Bridges stated hello my name is Mark Bridges and I live at 305 Fort Sill Boulevard. I've lived in Lawton all my life; I've lived at 305 Fort Sill Boulevard for the last 42 years. This neighborhood as always been strictly residential. I think if you change from the residential zoning it will deteriorate the current character of the neighborhood. The zoning changed for the Gill House on 11th and Gore (the address of the location he is talking about is 1 NW Fort Sill Boulevard) was just the tip of the iceberg. If you change the use here, you're going to make the tip the iceberg a little bigger. My wife's a, get rezoned or use permitted on review for it's (cannot discern audio) additional properties owner to ask that their property be rezoned. 502 has very limited parking if you allow additional parking that is pour concrete in the back yard it's no longer residential and that is not on the site plan. I think this hearing is based on the site plan. There are vacant commercial buildings all over Lawton. There are vacant commercial lots all over Lawton. (cannot understand he is saying) you use a vacant property instead of degrading a residential area. It's nice to drive down Fort Sill Boulevard and see some trees and greenery. North of Cache Road on Fort Sill Boulevard is practically _____, south of Gore isn't much better. (cannot discern what he is saying, he is mumbling) back yard, if you think this concern isn't valid how about you have this facility across from, your house. I urge you to deny this change and any other further zoning change on property on Fort Sill Boulevard between Ferris and Gore be denied. Thankyou.

Denham responded thank you Mr. Bridges. 3 minutes come on up sir.

Cairgle stated hello, my name is Randy Cairgle I am also the first one to do the complaint. Now I don't have the fancy like up there, but I can tell you I stay at 412 NW Fort Sill Boulevard. Let me give you a little biography about me I was 22 years Army and work now for 16 years for Kirby Marine in Louisiana. The reason I told you that was for security reason and Fort Sill is already busy. Now if someone did their homework on the house at 502 it doesn't matter cars go through the entry on the front of the house on that block. Matter of fact I had a car go through my fence and through my front lawn. The Lawton police pull people over on the side street. You have to understand from me living next door, we're do you think they are going to back out off. of, in my driveway. _____ then the parking lot you tell me they have a handicap in the driveway. How many people do you think are doing to work there? I'm thinking where the people are

going to park. On the street. For me to say I don't want that, I'm away from home a lot. So that means my wife is looking out the window wondering who is that parking on the other side of the fence? Who is this who is that, and that is a reason for me. Matter of fact you should take Fort Sill Boulevard and take that off the map for commercial properties because that is they only place we have left in Lawton that is kind of historical. People like driving down there. I fixed up my house. I worked hard on my house. What do think people are going to do, they walk on my grass I can't even get sprinklers, because I think someone is going to drive up on there. There is some much stuff that comes through there I want to keep wait hold up I want to tell you guys, they got gore, they got Ferris, cache road they got all of them. Save that one little piece of Lawton, that's all we got, and you can't let, you can't open up one business you open grounds for everything else. All the commercial properties that is all vacant why can't that use that. I would like person who owns it how would you like this next to your house? Why don't you use your house as that. I work hard on my house; I thought I retired for good I'm what they call the young guy on the block I'm 58 years old. A lot of people wanted to come here but they can't they are old because it's an older neighborhood. I already have enough trouble with getting out of my driveway now going to work. I had to take of work for week just to come here to make sure, on that block I will try and shut everything down for sure I can tell you that now. I'm trying to keep a piece of Lawton not trying to turn everything into a commercial property. People are trying to make money I understand that, but it has to stop somewhere. (cannot discern audio) I can talk all day.

Denham responded we have to limit that Mr. Cairgle. Just one thing you are the one who initiated the petition, correct?

Cairgle stated yes, sir.

Denham responded thank you for coming.

Neale stated hi, I'm Judy Neale I live right next door I'm 504 Fort Sill Boulevard. I bought that house 25 years ago for the historical value and the esthetic atmosphere on that street. The idea of a business next door is just terrible to me. Thinking of the parking, thinking of the traffic coming in and out, and I feel like the value of my house is going to deteriorate because of this. Plus, I'm concerned, if we change the zoning for this medical facility what if in 2 or 3 years the medical facility goes out of business? That zoning is still there. So, no telling what would move in there. It's not going to revert back to residential so here we left with a commercial of God knows what so there you go. That is my concern.

Denham stated it looks like; did you sign in by chance.

Neale responded yes; I did.

Denham stated it looks like based on this agenda item it doesn't look like we will be changing any zoning, it's just a use permitted on review. So it would have to follow that site plan.

Brown stated Chairman the use permitted on review requires a binding site plan as well.

Denham asked and that is what has been submitted?

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Brown responded yes.

Denham stated ok.

Kerr stated hello how are you Chairman?

Denham responded good sir and you?

Karr stated good. My name is Clint Karr I'm a former Okie. I live in Texas now, I used to work for an oil company in Lawton. I'm here on behalf of Tamara Whiteman the owner of the clinic we are talking about Trinity Autism Clinic. I went to work for her in the first of the year in January, and she had a family emergency last week and she was not able to attend. Please allow me to speak on her behalf. I understand, I hear the homeowners concerns I do, but if you listen to these are her words okay these are her speaking points. Mrs. Whiteman In her emergency asked me to speak, and I'm happy to advocate not only for Lawton- Fort Sill community which has been historically underserved with respect the families and children on the autism spectrum. Currently there are only 4 ABA agencies providing home based clinical treatment for the clients in need here in Lawton. Trinity is an independently owned and operated company we are all able to work with our member wherever they need us in the home setting or in the local community of Lawton. We are also providing ABA support and training for our clients and parents in their homes, schools, or daycares as needed. I've personally been to two schools locally. Tamara Whiteman opened Trinity Autism Clinic in the fall of 2021. That clinic is currently open on 38th Street but it's limited space and viability for instructional services it has become a barrier, we need an area with more space and a playground area. Tamara previously worked with ____ (cannot discern audio) which then sold to Blue Sprig and this clinic eventually closed their operations in Lawton. This closure left 25 of 29 children and their families without ABA services. This affects the soldier's availability for soldiers to transfer here due to lack of services. Trinity's current waitlist for families needing services reaches anywhere from 35 to 45 families consistently and throughout the last year we've had referrals from Fort-Sill's hospital, Lawton Community Clinic, and the Duncan Medical Center. As 1 in 44 are currently diagnosed with Autism and Applied Behavioral Analyze is one of the premier evidence-based practices to successfully impact outcomes measures. Our services are grounded in the behavioral sciences. 95 percent of our clients are either on Sooner Care, or Tricare beneficiaries. I'm sure you are familiar with those. 95 percent of these are Sooner Care both of these have a hard time finding providers for ABA services for their children as our _____ Clinic. Both insurances are regulated by the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, our Behavioral Analysis Board, and the National Certification Board of Behavioral Analysis. Commercial properties do not _____ themselves well to our ABA therapy work that we do as these properties' present safety and health challenges such as working with children _____ (cannot discern audio) windows, hard title floors, busy traffic, and noise nearby. Entering into a house for ABA therapy would allow us to expand our programs that we offer to benefit our young clients as they need an outdoor play area, playroom, and sensory friendly room. Adolescents also on the spectrum often also need instruction in self-regulation, household, daily living skills, cooking and cleaning. The neighborhood area on Dearborn and Fort Sill Boulevard would thus allow us easy access to us and our parents as well for drop off or pick up of their children. As we typically have no more

than 5 clients at any time. Parking in the two-car garage, would allow easy to drop off and employees would park either inside the garage or in the driveway. This will leave little to no street parking during our hours Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Within _____ (cannot discern audio) blocks of Dearborn and the intersection of Fort Sill Boulevard are three other businesses small businesses a cancer specialist, and daycare. We ask that you consider this zone as ____ for our clinic from Tamara and for the families. Thank you, sir.

Denham responded thank you Mr. Carr. Any questions? You say traffic is a problem in a commercial site, you're not going to have more traffic than you will see zooming down Fort Sill Boulevard as. I remember when that car came barreling into that house. So that concerns me with.

Deborah Jones stated I think it's important to note that Fort Sill Boulevard intentionally is a result of the community's decision desire is not built to arterial capacity. You don't have any turn lanes and turn base. Much of that area wanted smaller traffic less traffic and so those safety amenities were not put into there to maintain their historic nature.

Denham responded I do appreciate explaining how what would be going on there as well. Obviously there is great need. It's just an interesting location to say the least.

Karr responded I understood they termed it as a medical clinic but we're concerned. ABA its more of a behavioral health clinic is all. That's the only qualification I want to clarify is all. I know ya'll termed it as a medical clinic, very similar but appreciate your time.

Denham responded thank you sir. Anybody else that would like to come speak?

Owens stated hello, I am Erin Owens this is Lincoln. Lincoln is a patient at Trinity Autism Clinic. The family atmosphere of the clinic helps us because that's what they are helping me with his home life. And the way that they treat him there, I can take him and its consistent with his schedule, he understands, that is so helpful. Lincoln was diagnosed in February of 2022, and he was diagnosed ____ because there was no professional in the area, we had access to. So, after Lincoln was diagnosed, we were already on the referral list for one the therapy clinics already in town from 6 months prior to that to be evaluated to start the therapies. We are still waiting on a call back today and year and a half to two years later. Trinity has been a blessing to my family. If he would have said hi that was something he couldn't do before we started taking him. I understand the community's concerns parking being one of them. This isn't a come and go kind of situation. I drop him off for three to four hours at a time, I pick him up, and I go. I ____ at Trinity once they go to school because I believe in their mission. I believe in the need for Autistic Services in the area and I want to see them as more a staple. Another thing I am a Cache resident this is economic development because you're pulling people from Chatty, Cache, Snyder. We don't have options and while I'm here I'm going to the gym; I'm going to the grocery store. I'm giving back to the community that is also giving back to me. So, thank you for your time thank you every for your patience. I really hope if this is approved today ____ conversations. I want all sides to be satisfied. But I did want to speak on Trinity's behalf they are so important for the families and parents that need them. Thank you.

Denham stated thank you Erin.

Hosey stated good afternoon I'm Sergeant Lizent Hosey, my son goes to Trinity. He's been there for less than a year. We were also waiting two years for services for ABA. I understand the concerns of residents I'm a homeowner in Lawton myself. I would like to see a facility like this in my own neighborhood. It's not like a medical center, it's not like when you go to the dentist people are trying to make an appointment and run out. I'm consistently late and they expect that of me. I can take my time to get there. I get there when I get there. I'm not rushing in or out. My son has autism he is very ____ to change. If I take him to a center that looks like a clinic, we have to fight the whole way through. I understand the traffic and that. We are not there for long. We don't linger. We come in, we get them situated, we take our time to gather our thoughts, and then we leave. And I understand people not wanting different businesses, not its not a normal business. I wouldn't even call it community it's more of a family environment anyways. I know the staff and they know me; they know my husband and my child; we are a dual military family. We don't have lots of options. Well, we were a dual military family my husband exited the service due to the lack of availability in services. So, after ten years he got out. I have seven years in and I will probably get out too. We really need this place.

Denham asked where are you taking him now?

Hosey responded he is at Trinity now.

Denham asked that's the school over here.

Hosey responded that is the facility he's at.

Denham stated oh the 38th Street.

Hosey responded yes and when we first moved him there from another facility, but we are concerned because there is a U-Haul place there, empty stores there, its not really a place I want to take my child to, to receive the care that he needs. He needs a home environment, a space to go outside. My son goes to Trinity, and he goes to Learning Tree right after. He misses the outdoor time because there is no were to take him outside by the time he gets to school it's the second time of the day. So this is really his only time to work on his skills outdoors or be outside. Thank you.

Denham and Smith responded thank you.

Tony Hosey stated I'm Tony Hosey I'm actually the spouse of Sergeant Hosey here. I did ten years in the army two deployments and my time in service was cut short because of the lack of resources here. As a combat medic mental health and behavioral health services are actually what I've dealt with more with adults obviously. I will say with sincerity that the Autism Child and child on the spectrum will benefited greatly from a facility that is more like a home than a facility that is tiled floors, big, huge windows, you know they like to be comfortable when they are at home. I decided to exit my services because my son need that structure and if I was able to give him the structure I would. We were on the waitlist for two years and we didn't have a call insight. They always said there were 40 kids in front of us. We looked as far out as Wichita and Norman just to find somewhere to take my son. We drop our son at the same time Erin does and these kids are great. They are so misunderstood. They just want to be able to express themselves,

you can't do that when you walk into somewhere that looks like a dollar general. And I also think the structure is so important. After hearing the complaints from the residents here I can assure you they're not going there to cause a ruckus or a big ruckus. We go there because our children need it. Tammy has been so good making sure when we get there, there's structure. You don't stay there and linger, you're not going to be there honking your horns, makes sure the scheduling is good so people kind of alternate when they are dropping off their kids. I don't think its going be business in the sense of people and cars coming in and out all the time, people coming in being loud and argumentative, speeding. You know when we have our autistic children in the car with us we are extra cognitive of what we are doing, because any slight hard cause set a child off. We drive our children with the upmost care, we are very respectful to all the people around. I really hope you guys do consider passing this because our children are just as much part of the community as the homeowners. Again my wife and I bought a home here as well so we kind of blend into that to as well. I really hope you guy thinks about approving this, there is a desperate need for these type of services in this type of environment.

Denham responded there is obviously a huge need for this kind of services.

Tony Hosey stated we again branched out as for as we could for services. We were looking about two hours, well four-hours with the two-hour drive back.

Denham asked anyone else would to come speak.

Daphne Cairgle stated I want to speak on behalf of my husband and the people here. I'm not against them having an ABA therapy it has nothing to do with that. My grandson was diagnosed with Autism, and he lives with us. If ya'll had another facility to put them in it would be a perfect home environment. I wrestle with my grandson very day to keep him from going into traffic. We had to fix the school bus to pick him up where there was no traffic there. My grandson didn't choose to live on Fort Sill Boulevard, we chose to live there. It's extremely busy on Fort Sill Blvd, its hard to get in and out of the driveway at times, and the people don't care they don't slow down. They just don't care so if you put it there and you don't have adequate parking, I don't think you do. We had a neighbor live next to us, she had two children in that home prior to your establishment, it was a lot of drama to get her kids in and out. The garage didn't work for them so there's no pulling them into the garage at all. You pull into the little space of a drive through and that's it. I'm not against it, it's just bad spot to make it a home environment. I of all people want children to have that because we do deal with it. My grandson was on the list we went to ABA therapies in Oklahoma City. My grandson missed a lot of school during Covid, and he is really behind. He is finally in an ABA therapy place where he can accomplish. Yes, it is concrete yes it has windows, and it has glass, yes it does. Every child function totally different so I can't say their children will function the same way my grandson will. It's just a bad place to put a house for them because if they got loose and get on that road, they're going to get hit. If they get loose on Dearborn that street is just as busy. They're going to get hit. People don't care. I'm not concerned about the property I'm concerned about the child safety of it. If you find a place for a home environment in another neighborhood with less traffic that would be great. There are so many vacant homes in Lawton we can as a community to make it better for them so they can have a place, so we can find a safe environment for them. Instead of putting them in an unsafe

environment. And that's all I really have to say. It breaks my heart because I don't want to have to say this but at the same time, I want the children to be safe.

Denham responded thank you very much.

Daphine Cairgle stated you're welcome.

Denham asked anyone would like to come speak. Thank you one and all for coming and sharing your desires. I will go ahead and declare the public hearing closed. Members of the commission.

Deborah Jones responded I didn't want the applicant's representative to leave. I have a couple of questions. Mr. Karr do you have any provisions or thoughts about protective drop off points? Are your patients dropped off my parents or other providers like with a bus on the street? I'm not knowledgeable on that.

Karr stated its mostly parents.

Deborah Jones stated parents dropping them off.

Karr stated I have one client I believe is picked up by the bus I believe every day.

Deborah Jones stated are you aware in the daycare Kameron correct me. Do you not have to have a protective driveway at a daycare center? Where the children can exit safely?

Good responded I'm not aware of the protective driveway for the daycare facilities.

Deborah Jones stated it might not be in 18 (she is referring to Lawton City Code Chapter 18) it might be in the licensing.

Good responded it might be a building code.

Deborah Jones stated yeah okay.

Karr stated there are two ____ I was not aware of the protect _____. Dearborn is both were the garage and entry way are located. There is a ____ in front of the house. (cannot discern remainder of audio. People are talking over each other)

Deborah Jones asked does the operator live in this home, is it a group home kind of operator, or do they come and go.

Karr responded she does reside there, there is a loft. They just moved in a bed. I will be staying there when I come. So yes, we will reside there parttime, it won't be full time.

Deborah Jones stated did I miss your hours of operation?

Karr responded 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. And outside of business and school they are relativity the same hours. Sometimes on Saturdays I might do parent training for something like that.

Deborah Jones stated okay, thank you very much.

Karr asked any other questions?

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John Jones asked how many employees are you supposed to have there?

Karr responded right now we have six at our clinic here. A couple of them are part time.

Deborah Jones asked what is the maximum shift? That normally how parking is.

Karr responded there are usually three employees at the clinic at a time. And anywhere from three to five clients.

Deborah Jones stated so three is the maximum number of employees.

Karr responded yes other than the behavioral analyst. We are there full time.

Deborah Jones asked counting everyone, how many?

Karr responded maybe five at a time.

Deborah Jones stated five okay, thank you.

Denham stated I can attest to Mrs. Cargile's testament that those garages you're going to have a couple of sports cars to go in there

Karr stated my pickup truck from Texas will not fit in there. A small car would and there two other spots you know. A pickup can easily fit in the other spot.

Denham asked it's a two car drive.

Karr responded yes.

Denham stated but you are using that as a handicap spot, correct?

Karr responded yes sir.

Springborn asked I'm curious why did you choose Fort Sill Boulevard since it's a heavily traveled street.

Karr responded Ms. Whiteman has been looking at properties on Gore Boulevard because she was considering buying that spot but it did not fit the bill. To much remodeling to much work to do on the home and that backyard was another thing. So we were looking for place

Springborn stated this seems like split zoning to me. I know in definition it probably isn't but it's close to it. Are there other streets and locations in towns that aren't as busy you could have used.

Karr responded she has been looking, she looked at several properties. She feels like this is adaptable.

Springborn stated I have no doubt there is a need for your service, it's not that I don't want a place to have this service but I think there might be better places for this than Fort Sill Boulevard. (cannot not discern audio.) step away from it.

Karr responded (cannot discern audio) she already purchased the property. We're hoping to you know get started. She owns other homes in Texas. Her father was military as well. We're really hoping to move our clinic, it only has three small rooms, so space is the problem we have now.

Springborn stated thank you.

Denham stated thank you Neil. And just to reiterate there is no zoning change in this item.

John Jones stated if you more than 3 or 4 employees (cannot discern audio to much feedback)

Karr responded we work one to one. Our therapists work one to one with child. That's why we make really good progress. We are doing reinforcement, constant ABA therapy with the child. And so it's always one on one.

John Jones stated (cannot discern audio, quality is bad) employees

Karr responded yes sir. Now we have done groups like social skills in groups with the children, a couple of the behavior techs work with them.

John Jones stated thank you.

Denham stated thank you again sir. The public hearing is closed. Questions have been asked and answered. What is the direction the commission would like to head?

Good stated I would to clarify just one thing, the parking situation if this use is approved without any conditions of changing the parking, they will still need to during there change of use process through License and Permits, they still have to go through the Board of Adjustments to vary their requirements. Unless like I said this use permitted on review here's a condition or by council to accept this parking as is. I don't

Denham stated I don't think I see how this parking is satisfactory as is.

Deborah Jones stated and I'm not confident they haven't applied to show any parking here. I'd be hard pressed to with just the evidence in this hearing that there is a hardship expressed that might qualify them for a variance. The don't qualify for a special exemption because the special exemption on modified parking is temporary. The Board of Adjustment has to set out a time period.

Denham stated I'm looking at the site plan that has actually been submitted, based on one of the appeals for using this particular location is having outside areas to play in. Well, the only area that they can play in is the only area that can converted to parking. So, it's another catch 22.

Deborah Jones stated it is.

Smith stated I don't believe the work you're doing is not needed. Two of my best friends have autistic kids. One of whom is my neighbor I see him every day, he has to see me everyday or he's off his routine. So, I know exactly what you all are going through. In my opinion this is not the house it needs to be at. I think you could very well find some other place well suited for the kids and all the neighbors around.

Deborah Jones stated I share your concerns. I think sometimes we try to do to much on a parcel. We try to make it be everything. I don't think you can get 6 parking spaces in the backyard. I'm very concerned that we are not showing protective drive for children to be let off in, a circle drive or something like that, that comes off the traffic lanes. The traffic on Fort Sill Boulevard is

not going to change. I don't foresee in the future the city acquiring additional easements to expand the road. So those are the issues I see. I think because of the traffic you will have an impact on the adjacent neighborhood. It looks like this parcel will not accommodate parking and a play area. It will not accommodate something I would suggest as a condition, a protected drive situation for drop offs. I'm sorry they already bought the house, but I think there is a better site for the location. It has nothing to do with the use, the use is obviously dramatically needed.

Springborn responded I hear you talking about traffic, is there a circular drive on this?

Deborah Jones stated no there's just a sidewalk.

(cannot discern audio to much feedback)

Denham stated there is no access on Fort Sill Boulevard.

Springborn responded okay, I think I looked at this thing wrong.

Smith stated its on there Neil.

Karr stated it was on there. The driveway and garage on Dearborn. (cannot discern audio)

Denham stated just seeing that guy earlier, he's fast as lighting. If God forbid, he got away from his mom and ran out onto Fort Sill Boulevard this could be a huge tragedy. And that would just decimate me.

Deborah Jones stated I think, and I only speak for myself, I would hate to trade off necessary play area where the children need to get out and move around for a parking space. It's kind of impossible to weigh those things.

Karr stated when they are looking at the parking would they mandate that we have 6 space available?

Deborah Jones responded the code requires eleven, and I don't think you can get six on there. I'm not going to speak for the Board of Adjustment, they will be sensitive to what we've heard and neighborhood that they believe this is going to cause traffic congestion.

Denham stated and just in summary we are recommending body. So pro or against, we make the recommendation it goes to City Council. If it does go with a favorable rating, it does go to Board of Adjustment. They will need to be involved because of the parking issue. So, this just step one. If we vote for it not knowing that doesn't meant eh people for are it or against are done it just means you move the next step. With that point are we ready to entertain a motion?

Motion by Deborah Jones, Second by Smith, to deny the Use Permitted on Review for 502 NW Fort Sill Boulevard. **Aye:** Denham, John Jones, Jarvis, Deborah Jones, Smith, Springborn. **Nay:** None **Motion Passed**

Denham stated this has nothing to do with the work you are doing. We encourage you to please find a facility that will take care of these kids. Again, I'm not saying this is final, keep doing you're great work and hopefully we can hear about you guys getting that facility soon. Thank

you guys, for coming to speak for or against. This was a tough one and I wish there was a way for common ground on it.

7. Consider approving the record plat for Lawson Ranch Part 1.

Good stated this one should be pretty simple. We are considering approving the record plat for Lawson Ranch Part 1, this is off 82nd Street and South of Cache Road. This tract of land is being divided into three lots a total of 11.53 acres and they do have all the easement documents which have been provided as exhibits to give them access to public right of way and to have the public utilities have the proper access. That plat has been reviewed by public utilities and stormwater they recommended approval. The consulting engineer for this is Landmark Engineering and no public improvement are going to be constructed with this plat.

Deborah Jones stated I can't read the plat because of the size. Do all of the lots have 50-foot frontages on a public dedicated street?

Good responded they have access from that public street for these easement documents.

Denham asked is it a gravel easement?

Deborah Jones stated I'll ask that again. Somebody start pulling up 18 not 18 21 (Deborah is referring to the Chapter 21 in City Code that lists Subdivision requirements) I think you have to have a 50-foot frontage on a publicly dedicated street. And that is why we have ended up with some very strange configurations of plats. They were small lots.

Denham stated the one out

Deborah Jones responded out east if I remember. Seems like Jay Cox did one out east. It was crazy.

Denham stated so is this easement we're talking about the strip that runs east and west?

Deborah Jones stated east and west.

Denham stated gotcha.

Good stated so they do have 50-feet of frontage and the amendment does connect to the public street.

Deborah Jones asked does Lot 2 have 50-foot of frontage.

Good responded yes ma'am.

Deborah Jones asked on a publicly dedicated street.

Good stated they have access to street

Denham stated ____ (cannot discern audio) your question DJ.

Good stated the frontage on the lot is not on the public on the public

Deborah Jones stated in 21 (Lawton City Code Chapter 21) does it require 50-foot

Good stated just as an example we just approved in Eastlake they had private drive for all the frontages for their lots.

Deborah Jones stated was it the townhouse development though?

Good responded no ma'am. We just did the

Deborah Jones stated is it a gated community.

Good responded no ma'am. We just did the Allen's replat for the lots back there, Sharps replat we just approved and that was also connect by private drive with public access. So, the requirements for the lots are to have access to the public drives and for it to be a buildable lot. (cannot discern audio people are talking over each other)

Deborah Jones stated I understand buildable lots. The lot is not. Is the lot defined in 21 (she is referring to Lawton City Code Chapter 21) Bring up 21.

Denham asked are we checking code?

Good responded yes, sir.

Denham stated _____ chapter 21 (cannot discern audio, there is feedback)

Good stated so the definition of Chapter 21 is as covered by this chapter, means a contiguous parcel of land of at least sufficient size to meet the minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage and area. Such lot may consist of a single lot of record; a portion of a lot of record; a combination of complete lots of record, of complete lots of record and portions of lots of record; a parcel of land described by metes and bounds. In no case of division or combination shall any residual lot or parcel be created which does not meet the requirements of this chapter;

There are several definitions of lot area, lot corner, lot double frontage, lot interior, lot reverse frontage, and there's several of those definitions but it would go back to the Chapter 18 which states that it would have to be 50-footwide to the least and the coverage rules, and the lots sizes. The minimum lot size is 6,000 square feet which all of these meets, and they are required to have access to the public right of way.

Deborah Jones stated ok, so it says it must have public access, that's fine.

Denham stated good job, thank you. Do we have any other questions on this item. We'll go ahead and entertain a motion to recommendation to the council for or against.

Motion by Smith, Second by John Jones, to approve the plat for Lawson Ranch Part 1.
Aye: Springborn, Smith, Deborah Jones, Jarvis, John Jones, Denham. **Nay:** None **Motion Passed**

8. Review Funding Request Applications that have been submitted through the Housing & Community Development Office for the upcoming FFY 2023 Annual Action Plan, receive presentations from non-profit organizations who have submitted a Funding Request Application, and provide a recommendation to the Housing & Community Development Administrator to include in the draft plan.

Brooks stated it's been a year. Gary Brooks Lawton Housing and Community Development. If we could, could be start with the presentations? Some of the members need to leave.

Denham stated that's fine I see we have a couple of new ones right.

Brooks responded yes ,we have two new ones and one drop off.

Denham stated if there is an agreement due to sense of urgency. Do you have that worked out?

Brooks stated the one I'm worried about is the representative for MIGHT, she has to go soon.

Denham responded okay. What we are going to do is limit it to 3 minutes I'm sorry for that but it's obviously been a rather long day and that way we can make sure everyone gets to discuss their organization.

Taylor stated good afternoon, my name is Bernita Taylor and I'm with the found of MIGHT Community Development and Resource Center. We service the entire family in one location. So we have a child care facility that is state of the art. We teach software technology, social and emotional skills. In our childcare facility we are a 5-star facility which is the highest rating that you can get in the state of Oklahoma. We also have Teen Program. Most of the people we serve are low income or at moderate income. Most of them rent homes their income level is very low. We have different programs to help them get above that. In our teen program the goal is for them to have a direct path into adulthood. We have different careers we look at each semester and we've looked at the military all the way to the manufacturing and technology. In the summertime we do career readiness. We actually pay them a stipend of \$400 a month for two months so they can help their parents buy clothes and school supplies. During the resume they learn how to make resumes, essays, references, team building and life skills. They also do on the job training. We have 8 sites all-in low-income areas. We also feed children with our summer feeding program. They love the food. We have discussion groups we talk about they learned and how it helped them. They also keep portfolios they can use in the future. We also do parent portal, so we are always in touch with their councilors and teachers. We have gone from a 2.2 GPA average to a 3.2 GPA overall and we are very proud of that. A lot of peer encouragement causes that. The last program is our adult program which we stabilize that family for 90 days so when our kids go home, they don't have to worry about the utilities being off so we work with the adults as well. We help them with money management, career readiness, parenting classes, anger management classes, we do reunification, Lawton transportation, we do everything to take their excuses away. We have partners we partner with, we couldn't be a success without them. To help us make sure they get a job, housing, clothes, food and everything they need to be successful. So, I think my three minutes is up. I could talk about it forever but thank you for considering us.

Denham stated yes, ma'am. You've request \$13,000?

Taylor stated I would like to say this as well. We teach self-sufficiency. You gain it and maintain it. We ourselves do that. 90 percent of our funding comes from our childcare. So, we make it and put it back into the programs.

Denham responded awesome; you're doing great work Mrs. Taylor. Thank you very much.

Taylor stated you're welcome.

Brooks stated and next we have Teen Court.

Fraizer stated you know my program. I will tell you three things this last year's successful _____ in the past it's been _____ I attribute that to maybe the mental health of everything. The kids the adults everybody. Kids were sent home from school during the pandemic, they went virtual, they are still being sent home from school for bad behavior. They are not suspended per say they are transferred to virtual learning. Call it what you want they are still sent home. They are still not able to interact with others and they are still having mental problems. That being said and the fact CIC closed down back in 17. I told you that last year, LPD (Lawton Police Department) is not able to arrest our kids because they can't take the time to babysit them at the police station. There is no place to take them, so they are not being arrested, so they're getting into trouble on the streets nothing is happening to them there is no accountability. Now that we are coming to the end of the school year, the misbehaviors at the schools are being arrested and they're coming to Teen Court and there for we can hold them accountable. What I'm seeing with the kids, we've got to do more than hold them accountable. Those kids need to be able to interact with adults that care about them. I should have retired years ago, I'm not going to retire because every time I go to court there are kids that run out to my car for that hug. They know there is someone who cares enough about them that comes down there holds them accountable, set the rules, they know what I expect and what is expected of them, and they thrive on that. I want the house at 1002 D Ave. I need to know who owns that house, I do know who manages that property, but if anybody knows who owns that house I need that name, because I need to take them to dinner. Because there is no way I can afford to buy that house. We need to talk. I need a house that we can have these kids in where they can do their community service on site where they know they'll be held accountable. Where I can bring them in from school, we can help them with there virtual learning. The parents aren't helping those kids, they are not virtually learning anything because they sign on to that computer and do not understand their schoolwork, so they're not learning anything. So, what we are going to do is pass them because no child is left behind, and we're going to graduate illiterate kids. That's what we are doing. And society is looking the other way and I'm not. So, I need a house, I will have my court room in there. Teen Court has been renting for 32 years that is ludicrous to me. It's time we owned a building. We won't call it court, society doesn't want us to call it court, they don't want arrests. We'll hold our traffic court, we'll hold the court we have to do for assault and battery or what we have to do, it's very few. Maybe we will get these kids thriving, they are made in the image of God, and they are as important as any of us in this room, they will thrive because someone cares about them.

Denham stated you got you're three minutes in there Marcia thank you. We'll get John on that property search for you, won't you John.

John Jones responded oh sure.

Brooks stated our next applicant is Christian Family Counseling.

Ryswyk stated hello I'm Glen Ryswyk and I'm the clinical director at the Christian Family Counseling Center I'm standing in for Tim Diley today he is taking his daughter to a college interview. I'm delighted to be here first of all thank you for the CBD funding you have helped us through the years you've become incredibly important to us. The mission stated for Christian Family Counseling Center is to restore, educate and strengthen people through professional mental health services that integrate a gracious Christian perspective with psychological principals, and striving to help those in need regardless of their ability to pay. The funding we receive from you goes towards that and our normal fee is 160 CAPS which is what we call the Lawton Funding. CAPS is \$60 a session so we can help more people. Down through the years we were only seeing 600 people a year now we see somewhere on the average of 9,000 sessions a year. About 1300 people helping people with all sorts of issues drug use, victims of rape, sexual trafficking, children who have been horribly abused is horrible how cruel human beings can be to each other especially children, we are helping them become productive members of society. Mental health needs were number five on here., community needs surveys, helping people with low income to get the counseling help they need. This reminds me of lady who was involved in other community agencies and housing authority she was so distraught with her anxiety and depression she could hardly leave her house. The only way she could come to counseling was a police officer befriended her convinced her see need help, she got the help she needed, she slowly became comfortable coming alone. At first, she needed him to be able to get help. I ran into her a while back at Wal-Mart she run up to me with a smile on her face, she's working a job, she's a productive member of society. Thank you for what you're fees do and helping us and the other people. We appreciate you and God bless you. Thank you for your service for our community. Thank you.

Denham asked how many counselors do you have on staff now?

Ryswyk responded some of us hold dual licenses, professional counselor licenses, licensed family therapist, some of us have one or the other.

Denham stated perfect, thank you.

Brooks stated our next applicant is the Center for Creative Living.

Lilly stated good afternoon, I'm Jeannine Lily in the interim executive Director for the Center for Creative Living. Last year we served around 6,000 _____ senior citizens. We have various exercise classes, billiards, art classes, and we have our meal program through those a week. We served around 100 homebound senior citizens long with 70 congregant meals. Last fiscal year we served about 21507 meals to the senior citizens. With our exercise program we started March of last year a man came in with Parkinson's he would walk shuffling his feet and hunched over, after taking the exercise class his now able to walk upright and doesn't shuffle his feet as much. With the cost of the food, clothes, and electricity all our product is getting extremely high. We have also had serval of our seniors be recommended to us from their doctors and when their doctors makes referrals to their patients to come to the center, we know we are making a direct impact on our seniors, thank you.

Denham stated Jeannine I notice you said interim is Lorene no longer there?

Lily responded Lorene is retiring June 1st. I've been appointed the interim Executive Director and I have applied for her position.

Denham stated congratulations. Thank you for coming.

Brooks stated our next agency is New Directions.

Kippers stated good afternoon my name is Latricia Kippers, I am the Program Director at Marie Detty New Directions. We provide services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We offer services to men, woman, and children. We have court advocacy that works closely with Comanche County Courthouse helping getting victims protective orders. We have a sexual assault response team, we send a advocate out if there has been a sexual assault in Lawton. We always send an advocate to meet with the victim. We provide counseling services, a 24-hour crisis hotline, case management services. It's vital for the funds you provide for us and it allows us to continue what we are doing and providing services to victims. We collaborate with a lot of agencies in the Lawton are because we can't do this work alone. Our biggest is law enforcement when they are on the scene if a domestic gets called, they are contacting our hotline connecting that victim with an advocate. We recently had a family a mom with 5 children they just moved into housing until then they were in our shelter for several months, so we were able to provide services to them until housing became available. Thank you for considering our application.

Denham stated thank you Latricia, we appreciate it.

Brooks stated our next applicant is Family Promise.

Svec stated hi, thank you so much for having us today. My name is Sarah Svec and I'm the Executive Director of Family Promise. We are a homeless shelter program that keep children in mind whatever we do. We try to create an atmosphere for homeless families to reduce the trauma that affects the children who are experiencing homelessness. We stabilize their health concerns, finances, employment, and transportation. And do basically do everything in between. We do much sure once they get their low-income housing, they will stay in it. As of 2022 we house 16 families that year, with 24 of those being children. They are still receiving case management. We had three babies born into the program last year, staff assisted with the mothers post-partum, including a mother who received heart surgery shortly after delivery, and we had another infant who required surgery three weeks after they were born. We give them extenuation circumstances where they can stay at the shelter. And have that community support and help them with their new babies during that time. We do wish we could have housed more families last year but due to the lack of affordable housing we were not able to do as many. We've already had 15 families come through the program already in this first 3 months of this year. So we will definitely double those numbers by the end. So next year when I come here to ask you guys for more money, I will have more families. Not only do we directly serve our families in our shelter we also work with multiple partners in the community for outreach including low barrier food access, diapers, hygiene items, transportation. Last year we served 2106 community members, with those services. And this year we also launched a resource to help the homeless get their identification with the help of Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation we have already secured all identifying documents for 12 different individuals three of those being children. These ids help them to get opportunities for housing, school, employment, and transportation. In 2022 we distributed 87839 dollars' worth of in-kind donations, that were donated directly to our shelter, and we turned around and distributed them to those in need. Do you guys have any questions, I feel like I say the same thing every year. If you have questions about the program, I'd love to answer them.

Denham asked did you start now sheltering client in your facility?

Svec responded yes sir, we launched that during Covid we are fully operational now. They are housed with us 24 hours a day when they are not at work.

Denham asked how many other facilities do you utilize to shelter these folks? I know you've used the Churches.

Svec responded we used to do the congregational rotation but now we just partner with those congregations to provide a community meal for our clients that are in the shelter every day. So 365 meals a year are provided by the local churches here. Any other questions? Thank you.

Denham stated thank you Sara.

Brooks stated our next organization is Grandeur by Grace Inc.

Denham stated this is one of our new ones, isn't it? Okay.

Brooke Brown stated Hi, I'm happy to be with ya'll today. I'm Brooke Brown and I sit on the Board of Directors for Grandeur of Grace. As Vice President I am one of three of our founding members, so Grandeur of Grace, GOG for short, we were established in 2021. We were established to serve those who served us and their families regardless of their rank, race, discharge status, criminal history or circumstance. All three of members have experienced the military in one way or another via a military child, spouse, or service member and veteran. The City of Lawton has clearly made significant headway providing services to at risk or homeless veterans. The problem with those are those services are limited to veterans with honorable discharges and no criminal record. Although we serve that demographic too, we also serve those who have been convicted of no violent crimes. We do this for two main reasons does not have a great track record for evidentiary nonviolent crime and these veterans deserve a second chance. If you have ever served, you know the challenges these veterans face. In general, as they transition back into the civilian world it is truly a different world transitioning from comradery and structure to one of chaos. If a veteran does not have a strong support system, they will get lost. So, whether the vet is honorable discharged or dishonorably discharged GOG provides a suite customized for the individual trying to get them the support system the lack to ensure a successful transition to a self-sustaining of the community. GOG addresses they veterans, spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs. The program that sets us apart from others is the brothers and sisters' program. A faith-based mentorship program the veterans are partnered with another veteran-based mentor and through the problem they not only receive emotional and spiritual support community and mentorship which we believe is absolutely essential to one's long-term success. But the mentor makes sure they receive all services available from the GOG network they can provide. Our other core programs we provide is our housing problem which we provide temporary or long-term lodging to help meet veterans needs. Help them get off the streets and into a safe place of shelter and our experience with a place to call home even if its temporary as provide greater hope than any other service we provided. Our vehicle assistance programs which provides veteran with low to no cost transportation. We know the lack of reliable transportation is a major cause of unemployment which increase one's risk for homelessness. By removing that barrier, we reduce that risk for homelessness. Our immediate

support programs provide immediate needs such as food, clothing, hygiene, safety, and identification documents. Rather than providing a handout, our ultimate desire is to provide them with long term sustainability we offer our veterans assistance with budgeting and establishing a realistic expectation plan to set them up for financial stability and moving forward. Our employment program provides employment opportunities through our organization and our network in our building. Currently we assist with creating their resumes and networking with the community to connect with other organizations. Lastly our VA navigation provides the veteran with coaching and receiving all the VA benefits they are eligible for. We are very passionate skilled and organized to contact people in need of our services. Grants will enable us to meet those demands and reduce the number of homeless in this area. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Denham stated thank you Brooke. Where is your other funding coming from? In addition to what you are asking for here? I know you have to apply and get the grants.

Brooke responded all it has mostly come out of our pockets. We started it our founding three members have given a lot to it. We have one partner that has an organization Consumers Energy that matches any donations that started last year, so we have received a little bit from them.

Denham stated okay, and how do you obtain your referrals for the folks you're helping?

Brooke Brown responded yes, so our treasurer lives in Florida she is our secretary and manages all of that and the reality is that we have all the database we cover, we have intake forms that cover all the information we need, we as board meet and discussion how and what we can do.

Denham stated very good thank you. Any other questions for Brooke?

Deborah Jones stated you are coordinating with other veteran's shelters?

Brooke Brown responded yes, I mean we are building a relationship absolutely but we are not part of the VRC.

Denham stated that's possible to because they have to have the honorable discharges and things, so you're serving other

Deborah Jones responded oh you're serving a different population, that's what I wanted to know. Thank you.

John Jones stated how many people are you serving now?

Brooke Brown responded we are currently serving or are in touch with 30. We are in our thirties now as of this week. We just housed two veterans here in Comanche County and we should be housing more in the next month.

John Jones stated thank you.

Denham stated well thank you and good luck.

Brooks stated I think we are down to two. C Carter Carne.

Cry stated hello, I'm Jasmine Cry I'm the new Shelter Director at C Carter Crane here in Lawton. Many of you know C Carter Crane is not new it's been here since the 80s but I'm new to the playing field so I'd like to introduce myself if you're unfamiliar with me. Our mission at C Carter Crane is to empower individuals experiencing homelessness, and raise their self-worth, self-confidence, and achieve stability in the community. With that being said C Carter Crane helps with basic needs, so if an individual comes in with absolutely nothing we make sure they have hygiene products, a clean bed, and full belly by the end of the day after the intake process. We also help with employment and housing assistance. We also provide transportation via LATS (Lawton Area Transit System) if it's outside city limits and we do receive a bed for someone else needing service myself or Ms. Sylvia take them to the appointments with the vehicle that is provided by the shelter. We also help with prevention and rehousing assistance, with that being said if someone comes to us needing prevention and we have the funds available we do try to help with utilities, rent, things like that instead of them coming to the shelter. We also do case management while they're there which is biweekly and we also do post case management for year after they leave if they desire case management. I strongly suggest it so we can keep them stable outside of the shelter so they won't be a reoccurring person. Also I'm a little nervous because I'm so excited about this, we are they one of the only shelters that takes single males, vets, women with no children, as well as families. Currently we have four family rooms, I am the only shelter that has an ADA room that is noncompliant at this time. This money we are applying for will go towards expanding our ADA room. An ADA room is for people who cannot get up the stairs.

Denham stated you're still working out of the same old military barracks, right?

Cry responded oh yeah, because I'm grandfathered in they won't let me expand. When I started I said why don't I just knock the wall down? And they said you're not zoned for that. Now I completely understand the zoning, we are in the middle of a housing addition. We have space out in front of us, if I can get the funding one day I would love to build a bigger shelter. Because at this time my max capacity is 28. Since I've been here I've serviced over 20 families. I can't take them I'm on the phone with Family Promise or someone that has an empty bed, because I don't have the capacity for families or teens that come from school that's ages 18 and up.

Denham asked they still basically eat breakfast, leave to look for work, and come back for dinner?

Cry responded yes, in the morning if they are able bodied they are required to look for work daily as well as look for housing, and we do try to facilitate leads for that. When the new applications come up we are like hey got some openings up at Deer Park or at this, there's different stuff out. We try to keep in contact with different parts of the community.

Denham stated thank you, good job.

John Jones stated I have one question for you if you don't mind. I saw the Salvation Army's Pantry was almost empty do you work with other organizations if they have need?

Cry responded oh yes. My volunteer specialist Ms. Sylvia is actually working on something right now with our freezers right now to see if there is something we can spare. Because we cook a hot

meal Monday through Friday this is provided so what we can spare I have half a cow and hopefully that can assist someone in the meantime.

John Jones stated thank you.

Cry responded you're welcome.

Smith asked so the Salvation Army takes frozen food?

Cry responded yes.

Smith stated good to know. I didn't know that.

Cry stated they have bigger freezers than we do, if you've never been there. I'm a tad bit jealous.

Denham stated very good thank you so much.

Brooks stated an our last organization is Lawton Support Services.

Jackson stated hello I'm Jervis Jackson I'm with Lawton Housing Authority/ Lawton Support Services. In the housing program I am the section 8 manager, and I'm also the Director of the newly opened Veteran's Resource Center. The combination of things makes us a one stop shop, as it relates to housing and services in the Lawton community. The applications we have made this year allows for public service allows for us to assist with prevention rehousing program and so literally we can house and prevent homeless and give them the necessary resources to provide stability and make it less likely for them to return to that.

Denham asked how many residents do you have in the new digs?

Jackson responded in the VRC center right now we 3 occupants there. We've been receiving there for about 3 or 4 weeks now. We have the capacity to house 14 that would be 6 male and 4 female. Then we have family area that will house a family of 4.

Denham stated I notice you are the one who initiated and started the counting of the homeless vets. I think the last thing I saw was that numbers have dropped dramatically.

Jackson stated yes, our goal is to achieve the function of zero. That does not mean that there will be absolutely no homeless vets, but it does mean we will have the capacity to house any veteran that is homeless that wants to be housed. In the last few years, we have averaged 14 or 15 which would equal the capacity we have now at the Veteran's Resource Center. We are working out those relationships those partnerships from the agency that came before. We are going through the process of how we are going to work together and give those agencies a better opportunity to serve. We can help with housing. We can take someone into the facility immediately and work to move them to permanent housing. It has always been our goal today that within 30 days.

Denham stated fantastic. Anybody walks downtown these days can see there is a tremendous need. There are a lot of homeless people down here. I've been gone from downtown for awhile now but now I'm back and its changed dramatically so please keep doing what you're doing. There is a need. I know some want to be out there unfortunately but those that you can help

please keep doing what you're doing. Anything else? Thank you for coming and presenting your organizations and we will proceed with our duties Gary.

Brooks stated I was just going to cover a little ground we had a slight in our CDBG allocation this year, it went to \$752,674 fifteen percent of that roughly \$112, 901 we're supporting the concept of dividing the money evenly between the organizations.

Denham asked that is what we did last year, isn't that right?

Brooks responded yes, and the consensus of the organizations is they are very comfortable with that.

Denham stated I noticed a sense of unity and support for each other's presentations.

Brooks responded they are a wonderful group.

Denham asked do we have any questions for Gary and his staff for recommendations folks? This item is for the 3rd party providers. We will come back and do the home stuff later.

Brooks stated well we can do it right now if you. I probably did write it clear enough, the figures are very similar. The past years we were still adhering to the 2021 ____ 2025 is very similar. The amounts aren't changing much. The only real change I've made as far as ____ prior years was we put \$100,000 towards bus stops, we improved bus stops last year and we really haven't made any progress on that and the bid on the HC King Center went up considerably we allotted \$40,00 for them last year, we're looking at possibly \$70,000 for that. We added the bathroom renovations at Patterson center at \$65,000 and that is still a project in progress. That we are paying with last year's funds.

Denham responded and are the sidewalks vs what the council has set aside. I mean is it duplicative? (cannot discern audio)

Brooks stated the sidewalks and sewer lines are separate projects. ____ reconstruction I think Rusty has set aside he's done work on it and we've just , I think he's gone out to bid. We're all set to go.

Deborah Jones stated I think the council ____ on arterials first and schools.

Denham stated and we also have the medical marijuana sales tax too.

Brown responded it is limited to the arterials and stuff. It's limited to the lower income areas so this would be like residential sidewalks.

Denham stated okay.

Brooks stated these sewer lines are for Lawton View.

Deborah Jones stated I would think it would be to your areas. (cannot discern audio)

Brooks stated (cannot discern audio) the two areas I heard where I'm not sure 14th or 15th street from ____ south.

Deborah Jones asked who is in charge of the bus stop upgrades?

Brooks responded I'm assuming that falls on us. But we haven't really gotten on that with LATS (cannot discern audio) where we need to be. That was probably a ball I dropped.

Denham stated you also had calls and LATS was compensating a study of

Brown responded LATS was undergoing a new bus route study they have not finalized about we don't have a location for the transfer center yet.

Denham stated so you don't want to build fancy new bus spots for a spot that doesn't exist anymore.

Deborah Jones stated (cannot discern audio) second time in 5 years.

Brown stated I think this study is still the same study. According to the agenda you guys are only able to take action on the funding for the organizations not the rest

Denham stats PSOs?

Brown responded yes. So we will have to bring the rest of it back.

Denham stated just a sneak peak, thank you Gary.

Motion by Deborah Jones, Second by Smith, to approved the fund as itemized on draft.
Aye: Springborn, Smith, Deborah Jones, Jarvis, John Jones, Denham **Nay:** None Motion Passed.

9. Commissioner's Reports or Comments

None

10. Secretary's Report

Brown stated we do have on the 13th and it may be another long one. To discuss some of the Parks that the city is contemplating declaring surplus. That's all I have.

Deborah Jones stated did Greg leave?

Denham stated yes, he had a meeting.

Deborah Jones stated (cannot discern audio)

Brown responded with the way that our current city attorney has read somethings, he feels like it needs to come to CPC and then you guys would recommend like anywhere else. City Council will make the final decision. We will bring it to you guys for first approval.

Denham stated they are getting in a bad habit of that.

Brown responded I know.

11. Comments from the Public

None

12. Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.