

MINUTES
LAWTON ENHANCEMENT TRUST AUTHORITY
NEW CITY HALL 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
212 SW 9th STREET
AUGUST 13, 2014

Jay Burk, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the New City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Rosemary Bellino Hall (entered late); Jay Burk; Barry Ezerski; Jane Godlove; Mary Ann Hankins; Jean Harbison; Anika Safi (entered late); Maria Shahan; Kerry Sweeney.

ABSENT: Bob Dismuke; Addie Smith.

OTHER PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerk's Office; Brooks Mitchell, Financial Services; Richard Rogalski, Planning Department; Anthony Griffith, Neighborhood Services; Kim Shahan & Keith Neitzke, Parks & Recreation Department; Christie James, License & Permits.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Reports

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

Totte stated here is the estimate for 11th Street from Tennessee to the airport entrance. There is a lot to replace due to the heat or the freeze. If the crown of the pampas grass or more than half was dead I counted it as a replacement. There are 143 grasses that need to be replaced. A lot of the crape myrtles are dead. Some have suckers that range from 3 to 4' tall and we could cut the tree out and let the suckers grow. Those were counted as replacements on the estimate but we could leave them and replace the other plants to cut cost.

Burk asked what is the \$1800 for a water truck rental for.

Totte stated that is my recommendation. When we plant new plantings you need to deep soak them once a week for several weeks. This is in addition to the sprinkler. The sprinkler doesn't water a tree as deep as it needs to be watered when it is new. Once you deep water for 3 or 4 weeks then the sprinkler can maintain it. I'm not comfortable putting them in the ground without deep soaking. If it is hot and windy you get the foliage burn and the tree looks bad.

Burk asked when will you do your planting.

Totte stated in the fall. October or November is the best time to plant in the whole calendar year.

Godlove stated it has been my experience with crape myrtles they grow pretty fast.

Sweeney asked how long will it take for them to get back to looking the way they should.

Totte stated the ones at Liberty Bank on Gore were cut down early in the year and some of them are in full bloom. They are 4' plus.

Hankins asked will they be treated as a shrub rather than a tree.

Totte stated it might take another 3 or 4 years before you can start trimming them up.

Ezerski asked do you have to top the tops off when they are dead.

Totte stated yes. The tops are dead with a lot of green at the ground. We would cut out the dead canes. When they are tall enough we would start striping the canes at the bottom and they will eventually develop into a tree.

Burk asked would you bring back an estimate eliminating what Parks & Recreation could do.

Shahan stated I have the one associated to McMahon and basically we could do the same thing on this one.

Burk asked if it is planted in the fall could we take care of the watering.

Neitzke stated we do have a water truck.

Burk stated if you think it will grow back then I would say not to replace them.

Godlove stated I agree.

Totte stated the pampas grass and yaupons will not come back. I will go back and recount the crape myrtles and maybe replace with a smaller crape myrtle to match the suckers. That will cost less and look better.

Burk stated do that and we will also see what Shahan will be able to do.

Neitzke stated we will schedule the removal on 11th street and save you about \$4000.

Totte asked so you will do the removal and watering.

Neitzke stated yes.

Godlove asked will the water restrictions move into another stage in September.

Burk stated we don't know yet. Everyone needs to pray for rain. If it doesn't rain soon I'm sure we will move to the next stage. We need to wait until fall so we have a better idea of where we stand.

Totte stated Stage 3 will not affect a tree planting. One deep soaking a week and watering twice a week will work. October is the time to plant pansies. Would you like for me to bring an estimate for 2nd Street and the medians on Lee.

Burks stated yes.

Shahan stated we need to repair the sprinklers at McMahon Auditorium.

Totte stated the mother board and box were stolen so we replaced them. When we turned on the system there are repairs needed to bring the system up to par. This is an older system and the repairs are at the marquee and up front in the grass and beds.

Burk stated the estimate is \$2888. I don't believe we have a choice.

Motion by Ezerski, Second by Godlove, to approve the repairs to the sprinkler system located at McMahon Auditorium in the amount of \$2888.00. **Aye:** Burk; Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Shahan; Sweeney. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Burk asked does anyone have any questions. Thank you.

Totte stated thank you and have a good day.

B. Treasurer Report

Mitchell stated in the past you have been given a bank reconciliation. We have taken that a step further to give you an actual financial statement. The first page is the balance sheet. The important thing here is the first line item. The checking account as of July 31st had \$120,524.92. This is your only asset. On the second page you have your profit and loss. For the month of July the hotel/motel income was \$12,520.61, credit card fees of \$14.95, dues and subscriptions of \$100, maintenance of flower bed \$1500, professional fees of \$10,476.40 and you earned interest in the amount of \$19.89. The professional fees were for Robert Turner to bring your audit current. This will not be a reoccurring expense. We have put in a requisition for the court fees in the amount of \$8041.60 which will show on your August financials. Are there any questions.

Burk asked do you have a report that shows the breakdown of the \$120,000. I would like to see that.

Mitchell stated we can do that and will present it at the next meeting.

Shahan asked does the Board know about the fireworks.

Burk stated the City of Lawton will be presenting a fireworks presentation on July 4, 2015. I volunteered to allow them to run their donations through the LEDA account so donations could be tax deductible.

Motion by Ezerski, Second by Sweeney, to allow LETA to take the donations for the July 4th 2015 celebration **Aye:** Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Shahan; Sweeney; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by Ezerski, Second by Sweeney, to accept the treasurer's report. **Aye:** Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

2. New Business

B. Consider Approving Invoices, Requisitions, And All Other Submitted Materials For Payment.

Mitchell stated the invoices for approval today is one in the amount of \$900 for the billboard rental from Max Sasseen and one for Monkey Business in the amount of \$180 for signs at the banquet.

Motion by Godlove, Second by Hankins, to approve invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney; Burk; Ezerski. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

C. Consider approving agenda item for Council approval to set up a LETA pay pal account.

Ezell stated after speaking with legal and IT both have given approval for LEDA to have a Pay Pal account. LETA's email address is LETA@cityof.lawton.ok.us. Duggins and I will automatically receive notification when an email is received.

Motion by Hankins, Second by Safi, to approve a Pay Pal account for LETA. **Aye:** Hankins; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney; Burk; Ezerski; Godlove; Harbison. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

C. Receive report from Kim Shahan, Parks and Recreation Director

Shahan stated the City of Lawton annexed about 20 miles of roadway south of Lawton and in other directions. It all is to be maintained by the City of Lawton. We have had public comments about south Sheridan. We don't have the equipment to maintain those types of areas. Parks and Grounds is doing what they can but if the City is going to request our department maintain all those drainage ditches they will have to purchase equipment to do so. I'm not asking LETA to purchase equipment. I just want you to know what the circumstances are associated to maintaining all that property. The comment you hear is "if the City of Lawton is asking everyone to mow their grass then why doesn't the City mow their own". We are attempting to take care of everything. Also Dr. Hillis' wife brought to my attention the LETA

plantings on Gore across from Cameron. From what I understand there are visual issues. My concern is we have some beautiful things going on there.

Neitzke stated it is a line sight issue. If you are waiting to make a left hand turn headed east this is what you are looking at. There is a rise just before the median and it compounds the issue. When we received a call last season we went out and cut the grasses way back. To eliminate the problem we have to remove some of the plantings.

Rogalski stated the site triangle starts 38” above the ground and goes to 6’. You can have stuff below and above that alley.

Godlove asked can the grasses be transplanted.

Neitzke stated that was my suggestion last year.

Shahan stated we don’t want to make the decision. We want LETA to be the one to decide.

Burk stated it is definitely a safety issue and I don’t want to be the one responsible for someone getting hurt. Be as kind as you can. Do you have anything else?

Shahan stated no.

D. Receive report from Public Relations Committee

Ezerski stated Yard of the Month is running on the billboard and this weekend we have the skate park event.

Safi stated Project X is this weekend and KLAW will be doing a live broadcast. We are in need of a swamp cooler and a horse tank filled with ice for the bottled water.

Whipp stated Journey Productions has swamp coolers.

Ezerski stated the water was donated by Pepsi.

Burk stated when I have used Pepsi they have donated the tank.

Ezerski stated I call them.

Safi stated LETA YA and Mac Drum Line will also be there.

E. Monthly Ward Update

Sweeney stated I’m receiving questions about 67th & Rogers Lane. I believe construction has begun because they put down plastic yesterday.

James stated the plastic is for the drainage. This keeps it from washing into the street when they move the dirt or if it rains. It will be there until the construction is complete.

Sweeney stated the concern in my Ward is if we are going to be able to talk to someone about the lighting and if there will be a stop light. There are all these questions about how it will affect Grayson Mountain Estates. Will the community that lives there have any input? They did have discussions with us once before.

Rogalski stated we had that discussion when we were putting together the RFP. We attached strings to the RFP and we had no bidders. When Jay Anthony showed an interest in developing a theatre the strings were not attached. His development is a standard development and he will not be putting in a stop light. The first phase will be built on the back. Up front there will only be grading for a channel that cuts through there. There has been some discussion as to how is the best way to screen that neighborhood from the development. The development has no requirements to screen itself from the neighborhood. There would be an opportunity to provide some screening in between 67th and Lake Front Drive if somebody else wanted to build the screen.

Sweeney stated so there are no restrictions on the developer and no stop light.

Rogalski stated nothing other than standard city code and the stop light was specifically excluded from the contract.

Burk stated Council will address that as the development moves along. He will be building a strip mall out towards the street that would be facing the homes.

Rogalski stated that is his plan and it will look a little bit like the stores in front of Walmart with a larger building behind it.

Burk stated eventually there will be a stop light put in.

Sweeney stated I don't mean to take a lot of time on this but since they started moving dirt yesterday I have had 5 phone calls. How will traffic go into the theatre.

Rogalski stated off of 67th.

Sweeney asked with that much traffic they are not required to put in a traffic light.

Rogalski stated not at this point. The first place a stoplight will be warranted is 67th and Rogers Lane. At this time there are sufficient gaps that allow you to get in and out. At some point that congestion will be so heavy the gaps will not be sufficient. At that time a stoplight will be warranted.

Burk stated all 13 theatres will not start and release at the same time. They will be staggered.

Rogalski stated we will stay on this.

Sweeney stated we are concerned about lighting and trash.

Burk stated Anthony assured us he keeps his properties. This is very high end.

Sweeney stated thank you. That answers my questions for now.

F. Receive report from Website Committee

Safi stated it is not live but it is ready. We will let you look at it before going live.

Godlove stated Sweeney and Safi have spent many hours putting the information together and they did an excellent job. From time to time it will need to be maintained and that is too much to ask of a volunteer. Is it possible it could be maintained by those who maintain the City website?

Burk stated I believe that is the Assistant City Manager. The reason for using this company was because it was going to be simple to maintain. If you needed to add a page with a huge amount of content then we would pay the developer to do so. KOB and Ardmore maintains their own.

Godlove stated they both have paid directors.

Burk stated I think we should look at it and see how it goes. We have an agreement with the developer for so much time per quarter and anything above that we will have to pay for.

Godlove stated I don't believe Sweeney or I feel comfortable with maintaining it. Safi has the expertise but she has other things to do.

Safi stated it is easy but time consuming.

Sweeney asked who is going to be responsible when someone makes a donation on PayPal or nominates someone for Yard of the Month. We have put Ezell's email throughout the site for people to contact us.

Safi stated and Ezell has work to do other than taking care of the website.

Ezell stated we need to change that to LETA's email address.

Sweeney stated it is ready and we need you to sign off on it. Once we figure out who will maintain it then we will be ready to go live.

Burk asked how soon can you get it to me.

Safi stated tomorrow.

Burk stated okay. At the next meeting we will bring back recommendations on how to maintain it.

A. Consider Approving minutes of July 9, 2014.

Motion by Sweeney, **Second** by Ezerski, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2014 as written. **Aye:** Burk; Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney. **Nay.** None. **Motion Passed.**

D. Discuss the Eye Candy Awards Banquet and take action if necessary.

Godlove stated I asked that this be placed on the agenda. I was thinking it was time to start discussing what we want to do.

Burk stated let's have a committee meeting where we talk about nothing but the banquet. Let's meet next Wednesday at 3:00.

E. Consider Approving Tree Stump Removal letter and take action if necessary.

Godlove stated I was asked to draft a letter and you should have received a copy in your packet. I wanted everyone's okay before using it.

Ezerski stated I think it is a great letter.

Burk stated we will print it on LETA letterhead and I'll sign it.

Motion by Godlove, **Second** by Sweeney, to approve the stump removal letter. **Aye:** Burk; Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney. **Nay.** None. **Motion Passed.**

F. Consider a variance request by Bonnie Tadlock to allow her existing bushes to act as the required screening fence for her proposed storm shelter at 3801 SE Elmhurst Lane.

James stated we have received a request for a storm shelter in a side yard located at SE Elmhurst and 38th Street. The front of the home faces Elmhurst. The house sits on a corner lot so the side yard is on 38th Street. There is a building limit line on front and side yards to keep buildings from getting too close to the street. There is a code allowance that allows accessory buildings under 200 square feet into the side yard as long as they are 65' from the front, under 200 square feet, not on a permit foundation and behind a 6' opaque screening fence. This residence currently has some bushes in the side yard. Their request was to just put a 6' privacy fence around the storm shelter. The shelter is all below ground except 2'. They want to take the excess dirt and mound it on the outside of the shelter. Rogalski and I feel the 6' privacy fence just around the shelter will be a bigger eye sore than the bushes. There are gaps in the existing bushes and our recommendation would be to fill in the gaps with more bushes and sod the dirt

mound. We ask them to submit a variance request to LETA to allow the bushes to be their required screening.

Burk asked are they in agreement?

James stated they will do almost anything to not put up the 6' fence. In the landscape ordinance there is a point requirement of 25 points within every 20 linear foot for a green wall or screening fence. These would be considered a large bush and are only worth 3 points apiece. You would have to have 9 bushes every 20 linear foot. They have almost 75' so they will not meet the required points.

Rogalski stated there is nothing in the ordinance about a hedge. A hedge is a really good screen but the question is how many bushes make a hedge. We felt if they filled in the gap it would make a hedge.

Burk asked what are the thoughts of the Trustees.

Sweeney stated I don't have a problem with it.

Ezerski stated me either and I think it would look better.

Motion by Sweeney, Second by Safi, to allow the variance with the requirement that the applicant sods the mound that will surround the shelter and to fill in the gaps of the bushes to create a hedge. **Aye:** Ezerski; Godlove; Hankins; Harbison; Safi; Shahan; Sweeney; Burk. **Nay:** None. **Motion Passed.**

Safi stated I like what they did with Jack In The Box.

Hankins stated they were out there today working on it.

Bellino stated I sprayed it a couple of weekends ago and called the number on the door.

Rogalski stated I spoke with the owner and he was very receptive. He stated this wasn't his policy and apologized.

G. Consider a LETA YA project and take action if necessary.

Oates stated my name is Charlotte Oates and I'm the new principle at MacArthur High School. For the last several years this position has been occupied by others. I feel with a fresh set of eyes I'm seeing things that need to be fixed and a lot of things that need to be beautified. I have some pictures of the front of the building I want to share with you. When the building was built they put in an island for grass but did not put in a sprinkling system. In Oklahoma that is ridiculous. So what you have now is dirt and it has been that way for probably 40 years. MacArthur is the only high school in the city that has no landscaping and sprinklers are probably the reason why. I have 3 estimates and none were under \$10,000. Without a watering system none of them would guarantee anything. Even with drought friendly plants they still have to

have some water. So the answer to this is a sprinkling system. We do have an area with a watering system and Totte will be giving me an estimate on that area Friday. We are not a Title I school and do not receive the federal monies that some of the others get. Beautification was not included in the new bond because there are so many other things that are more important. If I don't pursue this it will not get done. I believe things that look good are valued more. I really want my students to value where they get their education. In the pictures you will see all kinds of neglect and how the front of the school is not beautiful. Schyler suggested at the entrance to use pots like the ones on 2nd Street. The island was built on an angle and because there are no plants there the top part has pulled away from the curb. It is just dirt. Totte told me he was willing to work with me by doing stages if we couldn't afford to do it all at once. We are working on the area with a sprinkling system to fix all the heads and make certain it all works. I believe if we put plants the length of the building and pots in the front that would brighten it up and look much nicer. The janitors and horticulture class have volunteered their labor. The estimates for the sprinkling system are about \$4,000 and I can't responsibly do anything until I have a source of water. The 3 previous senior classes have given us some seed money of about \$3,000 and my PTSA will give \$1,000. Lawton High did their landscaping through a grant and I'm willing to write a grant if I have to. Any amount of money you could donate to the project I will use it responsibly. I just thought I wouldn't pass up the opportunity to ask.

Burk S stated this is the senior year of the original LETA YA members and it would be nice to do something. I believe this would be a great project to beautify the front of the building and state it was accomplished by LETA YA.

Oates stated I would like to put a plaque stating donated by LETA YA.

Ezerski asked how much are you short.

Oates stated the front with the sprinkling system is around \$14,000. I can get the little things done with the seed money. Out of a total budget of \$18,000 I'm short \$13,000.

Burk stated Lowe's contacted us about doing a project and they are willing to spend \$1,200. Their employees will come and help with the labor. They will go through your estimates and tell you what they are willing to provide with their money. In my calculations with Lowe's, PTSA and your seed money you have \$5,200. Schyler has spoke with the LETA YA and they have gone over the plan. I drove in front of all 3 high schools and MacArthur is the only one where there is nothing. Who were your estimates from?

Oates stated Totte, Naturescape, and the Garza Brothers. Naturescape wouldn't touch it for less than \$20,000. Totte's estimate was less than \$10,000 and the Garza Brothers \$13,000. The Garza's work for me and I asked them to remove the mood lights and redo their estimate.

Burk stated for the sprinkler L & L's estimate is \$4700 and B & R is \$2650. What is the thought of the Trustees?

Ezerski asked what funding would come from LETA YA and what would come from us.

Burk stated from what I can see they need around \$5,200.

Ezerski asked is LETA YA going to use all their money for this project.

Burk S stated we are having trouble getting new members so that would be up to you.

Burk stated I hope Ms. Oates will help us with the membership. Our goal was to add new membership each year. One incoming freshmen from each school but we are having a hard time getting new members.

Burk S stated Eisenhower has been the best and their members are amazing. Lawton High has 2 representatives and MacArthur has 4 or 5.

Godlove stated maybe Ms. Oates could contact the other principles and encourage others with her enthusiasm.

Safi asked what are your plans with the Library.

Oates stated that is a part of my 3 year plan along with the green in the middle of the building. I would love to do a greenhouse project as an outdoor learning lab for my Special Education, AP Environmental Science and agricultural students. That is a big project and will take lots of money so I have placed it on my 3 year plan.

Safi stated would you do before and after pictures so we can place them on the website.

Oates stated absolutely.

Burk stated since we are looking at fall before planting what we need to do is have a design drawn listing the plants that will be used. You should have enough money to do the sprinkler system.

Oates stated if it is only \$2,650 I probably do.

Burk stated bring a design to our next meeting and we should be ready to make a decision. I'll give you the information so you can contact Lowe's.

Oates asked should I wait to contact Lowe's until I have the design.

Burk stated they need a concept of your project so they can set aside the \$1200.

Oates stated I'm meeting with Totte on Friday and we will get a design drawn.

Griffith stated there are a lot of grants out there. Walmart has a grant for \$2500 and you will have a response in 3 weeks. The application takes about 35 minutes and you can apply at each Walmart. Once you have filled out the application you go and visit the local manager.

Each manager has a say on the approval of the grant. You do the same for Lowe's and Home Depot. Both stores offer a \$10,000 grant but Home Depot also has a \$25,000 grant.

Oates stated I'm extremely interested in that for my greenhouse project. Thank you.

Burk stated thank you.

H. Consider request by Dr. Rob Kern in regards to the Lawton pools and take action if necessary.

Kern stated it has been 4 years since I sat around the table with you folks. Thanks for giving us the time on your agenda. We are here on behalf of the Lawton YMCA. We are in need of money. We have a number of projects but the reason we are here is to talk to you about helping us finish the landscaping at the front of the Y for our Phase I project. Once this project is complete we will begin Phase II which is renovating the pools, strengthening our aquatics program and renovating the locker room. I sat at the table when we helped Mullins with the Buffalo Soldier project and I would like to say the Y is just a block from that beautiful project. With the landscaping and irrigation system the new addition looks great but there is still a bit of a deserted area in the front and we want to spruce that up and make it look presentable. I'm here to facilitate and introduce and then I'll let the professionals from the Y speak. First is Preston Holsinger who is a real gentleman and knows the finances of the Y. Sue White is the Executive Director and Dana Smith the Chairman of the board. Please find it in your hearts to dig deep because we need the help. Thank you.

Smith stated we do appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today. I'm going to let White give you an idea of what our course looks like, what we have done so far and how this grant will wrap out Phase I of our project.

White stated thank you for allowing us to be on the agenda today. We just finished our Phase I construction of \$1.5 million which included a lot of upgrades and additions to the facility. We need to finish the landscaping on 5th & Gore and with the sprinkler and landscaping it is a \$10,000 project to meet the point values required by code. We have a lot we are working on to improve and keep our Y relevant. We have done a lot of great things and we want to keep the momentum going. We are a non-profit charitable organization and sometimes that is forgotten when you have shiny glass and a new building façade. We are a hub of community life. So many people come through our doors every day. When new people move to Lawton one of the first places they come is to the Y. They are looking for family life, a social outlet and new friendships. We are very much a part of the community. We want to be the kind of place that is beautiful and a place where people want to come. The more inviting we can make the journey for someone's health or level of comfort begins when they pull into the parking lot. We have a great vision to make our Y the best it can be and would really ask for some help in making that happen.

Ezerski asked is there any irrigation in that area.

White stated we are working on that area now.

Godlove asked do you have an estimate on the cost of the plantings.

White stated the sprinkler system is \$5,600 and the remainder of the \$10,000 is for landscaping. That is what the point values requires. I have a schematic I could provide you if I need to.

Rogalski stated she is referring to the landscaping ordinance when she references the point value.

Ezerski stated so there is a \$4400 dollar difference between the irrigation and the landscaping.

White stated yes.

Rogalski stated I haven't seen your plan but remember the ordinance is the minimal required. If you are only meeting the requirements you might want to do more to make it look pretty. Our requirements are not that difficult to meet. Most places double it.

White stated if we have the funding we can make that happen.

Burk asked how much are you asking for.

White stated \$10,000.

Burk asked are there any other questions.

White stated I would be happy to give a tour or follow up with photos.

Burk stated we would definitely want to see before and after. As we told the prior group we need a design plan. We are big about not planting tiny plants that will take 20 years before you see progress. We prefer the bigger plants to see some instant gratification. When do you wanting to do your plantings.

White stated we would need to get back with Sullivan Landscaping.

Shahan M stated I have a support group for cancer patients and 2 years ago we talked with different gyms about providing a place of exercise for the ladies. When I talked with the Y they said yes and now we have an exercise program that is free of charge for cancer survivors. The Y really embraces this community.

Holsinger stated some of you will remember Cameron University prior to Cindy Ross. That is what the front of the Y looks like. It is not very attractive. We would like to bring the Y up to Cameron's standards. Cameron is no longer an eye sore. It is an attraction for this community and that is what we would like to do also. Thank you.

Burk stated I think we would totally agree with you. What are the thoughts of the Trustees? Do you want them to bring a plan back at our next meeting?

Ezerski stated I think we definitely pursue this but we do need to see the plans and cost.

Sweeney stated more details.

Burk stated we will put you back on the agenda for next month.

White stated thank you.

Burk stated I just want to touch on these 2 projects. These are the kinds of projects we go for. This is what we are about. More and more are coming to ask for our help. Some are out of our realm while others are what we are about. We were formed to enhance these types of places. You have 1700 students plus parents at MacArthur and what a statement that would say especially for LETA YA. Mrs. Oates promised me she would maintain the plantings. According to Dr. Deighan you have to have the buy in from the school principal.

Ezerski stated when my son played basketball there people would walk across the grass because there wasn't any grass. If there had been grass they wouldn't walk on it.

Burk stated it is an upbeat to hear a principal say I want to do something at my school.

Godlove stated I was so impressed with her enthusiasm. I would like for her to spread it around. She would be the perfect one to speak to the other principals and ask them to join this effort. I would like to get that commitment from her as well.

Burk stated I think one of the problems with getting members is LETA YA has no sponsors/leadership. I would love to see Ms. Oates and the principals from the other 2 high school become sponsors.

Godlove stated perfect.

Ezerski stated if she sees what we are going to do for them maybe in turn she would help keep the program going and be an advocate for us. That would be huge.

Burk stated these kids can promote LETA and they can do 10 times more than we can. We need to request the principals get involved or at least a representative from each high school. I would love Ms. Oates to be involved because she is all about beautification. The other thought I had about the Y was we have always tried to do a 50/50 match. They need to come up with 50% of the funding.

Sweeney stated Dan Mullins was before my time but that is a business and the YMCA is a non-profit.

Burk stated Mullins set up a non-profit for the Buffalo Soldiers. He did the statute and the median.

Godlove stated I think we should definitely do a matching. We are going to have more requests come in and we can't fund everybody even if it is a good cause.

Burk stated if the Y is fund raising \$5,000 should be nothing. We also need a plan.

Sweeney stated that needs to be done before getting on the agenda. We need to say these are the requirements to be placed on our agenda.

Burk stated we need a grant application for them to fill out.

Ezerski stated 2 hours before the meeting they asked me what they needed to bring.

Burk stated we need an application that has to be turned in 30 days prior to placing it on the agenda. Then we will look it over and decide what they need for their presentation. This way we will have a good idea of what we were willing to do before they attend the meeting.

Godlove stated I sit on the Leslie Powel Foundation and we have a form to fill out and ask they write a cover letter.

Burk asked do you have a copy.

Godlove stated I'll get a copy but it will need to be modified. We can review it and then ask questions once they get here.

Burk stated I'm not certain how much money they really need. The MacArthur project is about a \$15,000 project and she is close to having her match.

Sweeney stated at some point we need to decide what our requirements are going to be. There is no need in wasting someone's time if we aren't going to approve their application.

Burk stated let's come up with ideas and email them to each other.

Sweeney stated we need to look at our mission statement.

Burk stated it is broad.

Godlove stated it can still be our guide.

Burk stated we need to place grants as an item in our budget. When it is gone it's gone. Our application also needs to state funding is limited.

Sweeney stated we don't want to hold on to the money but we do need guidelines.

Burk stated what I don't want to happen is for people to say LETA did all the landscaping at the Y. I want us to be able to say we provided a matching grant.

Hankins stated Dr. Kern knew the story on Dan Mullins and since I didn't know the history it almost sounded like you gave to Dan Mullins who is a for profit business and now I'm asking for a non-profit.

Burk stated they can also apply to Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot. I need to tell you that Dr. Bellino has resigned from the Trust. I'm going to see if Dr. Morford is willing to serve as the Council representative.

3. Old Business

A. Maintenance and Repairs and take action if necessary.

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.