

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Room, City Hall

1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS

Members Present: Chair Phil Mattox, Vice Chair Lisa Sisley, Julie Keenan, Julie Hatesohl, Nancy Knopp, Missy Tener, Mary Beth Reese, and Tony Nichols.

Members Absent: John Ball

Staff Present: Jared Wasinger, Assistant City Manager.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mattox called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL & ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Jared Wasinger called the roll. 8 members were present, which meets the quorum of 5.

3) CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2023

Chair Mattox opened the floor for public comment.

Stephanie Fillmore provided public comment related to Friends of Recovery not attending their scheduled interviews due to the prior director leaving the organization and CSFAB communications were on the executive director's personal email, leading them to be unaware of their scheduled interviews until after they had occurred. Stephanie provided an overview of the agency and their applications. Nancy Knopp asked how they collaborate with other agencies in Manhattan and Riley County. Stephanie said she was unaware as the recently appoint executive director but plans to work on those relationships. Chair Mattox asked for clarification of what the funding request is for. Stehania said it is for startup funding to open housing specifically in Manhattan. Chair Mattox asked for clarification on what a house entailed.



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Stephanie said it is not to be confused with halfway house. Houses are run democratically among, no use substances are allowed, and the house is self-supporting where each individual pays equal expense shares. Julie Keenan asked if there is a wait list in Manhattan. Stephanie said no not specifically, but Manhattan is running in a very low vacancy rate, so all their houses are full. She said they had 56 applications in the last month, but only space for 16 people. Julie Keenan asked if they intend to open a women's and children's house. Stephanie said they do want to do that. Nancy Knopp asked if there's a local director. Stephanie said she is the director for Manhattan area and the State of Kansas and is based out of Kansas City but there are outreach workers in Salina and Manhattan. Nancy asked about the average length of stay. Stephanie did not have the specifics, but knew they have an 86% success rate when a person stays in the house 18 months or more. Julie Hatesohl asked what the \$15,000 is specifically used for. Stephanie said it's used for negotiation with landlords on rent, security deposits, and loans for startup costs that would be enough to open two houses.

Chair Mattox closed the public comment period.

Nancy Knopp moved to approve the consent agenda and Vice Chair Sisley seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

4) GENERAL AGENDA

A) SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING DELIBERATIONS

Jared Wasinger provided an overview of a worksheet outlining the average funding recommendations for each agency based on individual input from each board member that was provided to the staff liaison. Jared noted that when analyzing the collection of each board member's recommendation, 1 member recommended no funding for Sunflower CASA, 1 member recommended no funding for Flint Hills Breadbasket, 1 member recommended no funding for Thive, 2 member recommended no funding for Nation Church Residences, 1 member recommended no funding for Be Able, 3 member recommended no funding for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, 2 member recommended no funding for Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity, 5 member recommended no funding for Food & Farm Council, 7 member recommended no funding for the Salvation Army, 8 members recommended no funding for Homestead Ministries, and 8 members recommended no funding for Friends of Recovery.

Chair Mattox recommend starting discussion with agencies that members recommend no funding for, starting with Sunflower CASA.

Lisa Sisley made a motion to fund Sunflower CASA at some amount. Julie Hatesohl seconded the motion. Chair Mattox asked for any discussion. Tony Nichols said he recommended no funding but noted that doesn't mean the agency wasn't important. He made recommendations based on populations that were very young and very old that can't help themselves, agencies that could provide measures of success, and agencies that have the individual ability to bring in their own money. He said he didn't see a demonstrated increase in cases and according to their application the request is only 8.4% of their budget meaning they have a lot of other money coming in. After no further discussion, Chair Mattox asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed 7-1 with Tony Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Tony Nichols noted the agency was very valuable, but they have sustained community support and donations coming in. He noted the director is extremely motivated and dynamic, so he voted no because they have capability to raise such funding. Julie Keenan made a motion to fund the Breadbasket at some amount. Nancy Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Tony Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about Thrive! Tony Nichols noted he could not discern measures of success from their application. Vice Chair Sisley motioned to provide funding to Thrive at some level. Mary Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Tony Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about National Church Residences. Nancy Knopp said her heart went out to the program director paying money out of her own pocket, but teachers do same thing every day. She noted other groups and volunteers have provided programming to that facility, including one she is part of. Nancy noted there are senior citizens in many different locations and did not want to open that avenue of funding. Julie Keenan said she recommended minimum funding and noted NCR could work with the breadbasket. Mary Beth Reese said she thought they should fund because they are senior citizens. Vice Chair Sisley recommended funding because of small amount, but agreed with the principles Nancy suggested, but would recommend funding because they are living on the cusp. Vice Chair Sisley made a motion to fund NCR at some level. Mary Beth seconded. The motion passed 7-1, with Nancy Knopp voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about Be Able. Mary Beth said she recommend no funding, citing they had not purchased the houses when they asked for funding, and they have tremendous community support, more than any other agency on the list. Mary Beth didn't think the board should get into the housing business. Tony Nichols said he recommended no change in funding for Be Able from the last year. He cited an uptick in homeless population. He said he supports the effort but doesn't want unlimited expansion for the agency to where it becomes a beacon to those that need support and when they can't get help, they will live downtown. Chair Mattox agreed with Mary Beth's points and recommended smaller amount, so they do not get into the housing business and wondered how much is enough. Missy Tener motioned to provide Be Able funding at some letter. Nancy Knopp seconded. The motion passed 7-1, with Mary Beth Reese voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition. Missy Tener and Tony Nichols noted competing priorities and limited funding. Nancy Knopp recommended no funding stating that will it is a nice idea, there is limited funding, and it is not providing direct resources, citing it is a request for an administrative role that doesn't rise to level of support for other direct care agencies are providing. Tony Nichols felt the application was vague and while it talked about methods it did not include results and it the request is 100 percent of their budget. Vice Chair Sisley said the points noted were well taken, but there is value in a structured collaboration that tries to address a need where all can be involved to remediate a situation. Mary Beth concurred, citing the groups assistance in helping people get medical care so people aren't using the ER. Missy Tener said thought they had a different grant they were applying for. Mary Beth said to the group they did not receive that grant. Julie Hatesohl noted that less payment for readmission and lower staffing makes it hard to get more people out of the ER because there are no beds, noting this collaboration started when there were requirements for non-profits and this organization was established for that purpose. Julie Keenan said this

organization is getting to the root cause of issues. Chair Mattox concurred that it was an admirable effort providing direct service to clients. Mary Beth Reese made a motion to approve funding at some level for the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition. Julie Hatesohl seconded. The motion passed 5-3, with members, Knopp, Tener, and Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity. Mary Beth said she recommended no funding for related reasons about housing and said there are many federal, state, and local resources for housing. Tony Nichols said it is a great program, but they have a lot of national and state level support. Julie Keenan state that Habitat for Humanity in Manhattan receives no state or national, and that it's all local funding that trickles up. Tony asked if any social services funding would trickle up, and Julie Keenan said no, the funding would be for the program manager. Missy Tener posed to the board if they don't get the full amount requested, will it support what they need. Vice Chair Sisley motioned to provide funding to the Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity at some level. Julie Keenan seconded. The motion passed 6-2 with Members Reese and Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Food and Farm Council. Vice Chair Sisley noted the value in coordinating entities but had a hard time getting around this one and recommend no funding. She cited they have done a lot of work but struggled due the need for the board to allocate resources. Julie Keenan said this effort would be hard to fundraise for and that it gets to the root problems in the community but is hard to quantify. She noted Vickie James had been working tirelessly for 3 years. Julie Keenan made a motion to provide funding to the food and farm council at some level. Mary Beth seconded. The motion failed 1-7, with Members Knopp, Mattox, Sisley, Tener, Reese, Hatesohl and Nichols voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Salvation Army. Mary Beth felt the application does not qualify as a faith-based organization. Chair Mattox concurred. Tony Nichols noted the request would finance the entirety of operation, which is a big ask and too much. Missy Tenner noted the grant application and interview were completely different and can't get behind what was in the application. Vice Chair Sisley motioned to provide funding at some level to the Salvation Army. Mary Beth seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-8 with all members voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about Homestead Ministries. Missy Tener said the service they offer is worthwhile for community but doesn't feel like what they are asking could be sustained through this city funding. Vice Chair Sisley said she admired their work, but it isn't appropriate for taxpayer funding to go an agency that has primarily a faith-based mission. Tony Nichols echoed his previous comments about applications asking for funding an entire operation. Mary Beth made a motion to fund Homestead ministries at some capacity. Julie Hatesohl seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-8 with all members voting against.

Chair Mattox asked for discussion about the Friends of Recovery Association. Mary Beth Reese said she originally recommended no funding which was due to the lack of communication but would agree funding in some amount after hearing Stephanie's public comment. Julie Keenan said she has seen the great work firsthand from the Friends of Recovery. Nancy Knopp agreed and suggested the agency get together with groups in town like Be Able and get together as a community and find efficiencies and avoid duplication. She said in another year, she would be expecting to see more collaboration. Tony Nichols said he understood the need but didn't like them having no presence in Manhattan. Clarification was provided among members that they

have no office in Manhattan and don't have house manager as it's run democratically among tenants. Missy noted the need to not duplicate services from other agencies. Mary Beth made a motion to fund Friends of Recovery in some capacity. Vice Chair Sisley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-2 with Members Nichols and Tener voting against.

Chair Mattox asked members to begin specific funding recommendations or work toward a balance based on the available budget of \$557,500.

Vice Chair Sisley motioned for \$1,506 to be allocated to Friends of Recover. Tony Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Nancy Knopp motioned to increasing the funding for Shepard's Crossing to their full amount requested at \$60,000 given their funds go directly to the client. Vice Chair Sisley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Missy Tener voting against.

Julie Hatesohl made a motion to decrease the Boys and Girls Club funding to \$50,000 to balance the funds available. Mary Beth seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-5 with Members Keenan, Knopp, Mattox, Tener, and Nichols voting against.

The Board noted being \$4,457 over budget given the current breakdown of funding. Members discussed how reducing numbers for Be Able, the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, and Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity. Vice Chair Sisley moved to funding Be Able at \$14,400, the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition at \$8,000 and the Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity at \$8,000. Mary Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Julie Keenan recommended funding friends of Recover to a higher amount. Missy Tener said she would not support due to the need to cut other agencies noting the competing funding for limited resources. Tony Nichols said the need to focus on immediate and direct impact versus secondary impacts or administrative support. The board discussed how much would be enough for the Friends of Recovery. Members noted during public comment the full request is enough for them to secure two houses, so \$7,500 would allow them to secure one house. Julie Keenan motioned to fund Friends of Recovery at \$7,500. Mary Beth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-3 with members Hatesohl, Nichols, and Tener voting no.

The board discussed how to the cut the new gap of approximately \$6,000 they were over budget. Members discussed a prorated decrease in funding across the agencies of Kansas Legal Services, Be Able, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity, and the Wonder Workshop. Nancy Knopp made a motion to fund Kansas Legal Services at \$39,500, Be Able at \$12,900, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity at \$7,000 and the Wonder Workshop at \$6,379. Vice Chair Sisley seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Missy Tener made a motion to accept the remaining agencies recommended funding as presented that had not been deliberated. Julie Keenan seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Chair Mattox praised the board for their work during this budget session. Jared Wasinger noted the City Commission would consider the recommendations at their November 21 meeting.

A full breakdown of recommended funding from the October 18 meeting is attached to the minutes.

5) NEXT MEETING

The board concurred to adjourn until April 2024 for the next budget cycle and to discuss a capital grant application period using the utility bill donations fund.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Mary Beth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Keenan seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned 7:21 at p.m.

Social Services Funding CSFAB Recommendations - October 18, 2023

Agency	2022		2023		2024			
	Requested	Received	Requested	Received	Requested	Recommended	Difference	Vote For Funding
Be Able	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,900	\$ (37,100)	Passed 8-0
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Of Kansas	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 33,500	\$ 37,000	\$ 31,245	\$ (5,755)	Passed 8-0
Boys & Girls Club Of Manhattan	\$ 45,865	\$ 45,865	\$ 51,971	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,659	\$ 52,691	\$ (17,968)	Passed 8-0
Crisis Center	\$ 48,800	\$ 48,800	\$ 49,226	\$ 49,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 47,890	\$ (1,110)	Passed 8-0
FHWC - Community Care Team	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,015	\$ 8,000	\$ (18,015)	Passed 8-0
Flint Hills Breadbasket	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,000	\$ (7,000)	Passed 8-0
Flint Hills Community Clinic: MHK Free Clinic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,500	\$ 21,000	\$ 36,500	\$ 28,833	\$ (7,667)	Passed 8-0
Food & Farm Council	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ (35,000)	Failed 1-7
Friends of Recovery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ (7,500)	Passed 5-3
Good Shepherd Homecare & Hospice	\$ 54,222	\$ 54,222	\$ 54,222	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 52,444	\$ (1,556)	Passed 8-0
Homestead Ministries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,000	\$ -	\$ (238,000)	Failed 0-8
Kansas Legal Services	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 39,500	\$ (10,500)	Passed 8-0
Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,000	\$ (18,000)	Passed 8-0
Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.	\$ 86,768	\$ 86,768	\$ 86,768	\$ 86,500	\$ 86,768	\$ 84,816	\$ (1,952)	Passed 8-0
Manhattan Senior Center of Riley County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,472	\$ 12,961	\$ (4,511)	Passed 8-0
Morning Star	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 17,800	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,422	\$ (1,578)	Passed 8-0
MW Educational Center - Wonder Workshop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,836	\$ 6,379	\$ (7,457)	Passed 8-0
NCR - Garden Grove/Colorado Plaza Apts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,167	\$ (1,333)	Passed 8-0
Salvation Army - 360 Life Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,320	\$ -	\$ (226,320)	Failed 0-8
Shepherd's Crossing	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	Passed 7-1
Stepping Stones CAC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,881	\$ 13,349	\$ (9,532)	Passed 8-0
Sunflower CASA	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 71,712	\$ 61,000	\$ 63,897	\$ 52,881	\$ (11,016)	Passed 8-0
Thrive!	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,522	\$ (4,478)	Passed 8-0
Total	\$ 494,655	\$ 449,655	\$ 575,199	\$ 503,000	\$ 1,230,848	\$ 557,500	\$ (673,348)	
2024 Social Services Funding Available					\$ 557,500.00			
Difference					\$ 673,348.00			