

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM V.



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

December 1, 2014 City Council Meeting

Subject: Other Business

A. Committee Updates

B. City Manager's Update

C. Late Items



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Date: November 25, 2014
From: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: **Manager's Update**

Contingency Grant Line Activity: The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month:

\$367.50 Odell After Dark
\$250.00 Lions Book Club

Boys & Girls Club update: On November 18th, 2014, Director Alpers & I participated in the monthly meeting between the school superintendent, the city & the boys & girls club. Chris Emond, Bob Carter, & Tom Charbono (represented the Boys & Girls club). The participant numbers in both programs have not changed much from last month's update. We were hoping to discuss how to structure a 21st century grant with the school's grant writer. However, the superintendent learned that an application would be a year away and so we plan to meet for just this purpose starting after the holidays. The boys & girls club will take the first step and outline a potential structure between the programs for the grant and email it to the group. The superintendent hopes that by creating a structure that works for both programs that we can work to reduce the inherent competition between the programs, address revenue concerns (sustainability) and increase cooperation between programs. The superintendent suggested staggered age groups so that the recreation department would offer programs to one age group and the boys & girls club would offer programs to a different age group. The Boys & Girls club expressed some concern about the viability of this approach.

Citizens Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) grant update: The next meeting of the CIRD steering committee will be held on December 18th at 10:30am. Attached is a draft plan for the project/process. The group is hoping the council would support the final presentation to the community at a council work session sometime the week of April 16th.

Downtown group- Councilor Dzujna worked with Chief Lachapelle & Chief Goldstein to host a downtown safety meeting with business owners at the library on November 18th. The meeting was meant as an open dialogue with business owners regarding any safety concerns they may have and to provide tips to help keep their businesses safe. There were about a dozen people in attendance and some great suggestions were made. The businesses represented at the meeting have decided to create their own email list to share information (similar to neighborhood watch groups formed in the city). In addition, FBIDC is working with the downtown businesses to see if there is a possibility to acquire grant funding for things like additional security cameras on central street properties.

Franklin, New Hampshire

In partnership with UNH Cooperative Extension, Plan NH and Citizens' Institute for Rural Design
DRAFT based on steering committee discussion

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Engage Community and complete information review

January – March 15, 2015
 Various times and locations

Audience: All Franklin community members; Franklin Steering Committee

- Possible engagement activities:
 - Story-telling
 - Post it flash mob
 - Photo project
 - Asset mapping
 - Other
 - Other
- Gather and review existing information: survey data, assessments, demographic data, etc.

Workshop
 March 19, 20, 21 or
 March 26, 27, 28, 2015
Day 1: Half day (Thursday eve)

Audience: Steering Committee, Franklin community leaders, all community members, local and statewide stakeholders.

Proposed: Overview and video or other documentation of what was learned from information review and public engagement. Speaker, tentatively: national AARP on livable communities; small group discussions among attendees

Workshop Day 2: Full Day (Friday)

Audience: Franklin Steering Committee and community leaders, local and statewide stakeholders

- Speakers (2-3) on aging, housing, community development, economic development, historic preservation etc, incorporating Franklin-specific background, needs and ideas for response.
- Small group discussions; working sessions/interactive

Workshop Day 3: Full Day (Saturday)

Volunteer design team made up of Plan NH and other volunteers will work on preliminary design ideas for Franklin, based on learnings from speakers, small group discussions, community input, engagement activities, and information gathering; possible CIRD expert(s) also involved in process in support of team

Open to anyone to observe team working; at 3:00 preliminary results will be presented to community and other interested stakeholders.

Engage Community

Week of April 16, 2015 (evening)

Audience: Community leaders, all Franklin community members

- Community presentation of report/recommendations by Steering Committee, Plan NH, UNHCE
- Small group discussions
- Engagement activity to determine priorities of community and action plan for moving forward
- Formation of community action plan committees