

**Kingsburg Finance Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 2018**

**Call to order:** Chairman Bruce Blayney called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Members present:** Alexander Henderson, Bruce Blayney, Alma Colado, and Sherman Dix.

**Members absent:** None.

**Staff present:** City Engineer Dave Peters and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Member Dix, seconded by Member Colado to approve minutes from the March 1, 2018 and July 19, 2018 Finance Committee Meetings as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Grant/Athwal Park Discussion**

Member Alexander Henderson suggested the Committee considers the police and fire grants separate of the Athwal Park grant. The Committee agreed.

Member Henderson said the Kingsburg Tri-County Hospital District wanted the individual boards to vote on accepting the grants, and then their board will consider at their next meeting. Staff is recommending this Committee makes recommendation to City Council to accept the Police and Fire grants.

The Committee discussed the option of different phases. City Engineer Dave Peters said it is ideal to do it all at once. We can break it into phases, we have done it on other projects. It would be cheaper to do it all at once, and there will be disruption of use of parts of the park.

Committee Member Henderson stated we asked the Hospital Board for the full cost, they granted us the cost of the equipment, not the construction or other parts need, like wood chips. We might have to tell the Board that since they are funding only portions of the projects, we can show them the reality of the projects and tell them we might not be able to do all 5. We could do the fitness court without doing the parking.

Melissa Bethel, Community Service Commission Chairwoman, spoke about other grants and funds the Commission has worked to receive. The City has \$75,000 and \$40,000 in the budget for the Skatepark. The finances were discussed and Ms. Bethel said she understands it is huge project, we don't have all of the money today. The Community Service Commission doesn't have a problem with fund raising. We can incorporate other businesses. There needs to be multiple discussions. We will have to look to City Engineer Dave Peters to see what we can do.

The Committee discussed meeting with the hospital board to get an amendment to the grant, and that we need the money to get a project done now. The Committee asked Melissa Bethel and Jewel Hurtado, also in attendance, to ask the Community Service Commission to let staff know what their three most important projects are by rating the projects 1-6 (including the bathroom). It is understood the Skatepark

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and Fitness Court are important to the Commission and the Hospital Board. Member Dix said he doesn't agree with the Fitness Court, at first it was to cost \$100,000, now it is \$250,000.

Member Blayney stated he thinks the bathrooms are the most important. It was discussed that there will be more kids at the park.

Ms. Bethel said she thinks the City should bear some of the cost, for example the bathroom and parking.

There was a discussion about future costs and maintenance, the cost of a shade structure and the long term issues of a splash pad.

Member Dix made a motion, seconded by Member Henderson to recommended to council to accept the Police and Fire Grant agreements. The motion carried with an unanimous voice vote.

Member Dix made a motion, seconded by Member Henderson to have staff to interact with hospital board and the Community Service Commission to bring back further guidance before deciding on a recommendation. The motion carried with an unanimous voice vote.

**CDBG Discussion**

Member Alexander Henderson said after the Council meeting he followed up with Fresno County. ADA and senior projects are always eligible for CDBG projects. Some options are a new roof and solar, flooring and kitchen upgrades at the senior center. Bathrooms at Memorial Park may be an option because of ADA requirements. Staff is still working with the County regarding alleys in the downtown.

The committee discussed other possible options and decided that we should apply to use part of the money for Senior Center improvements.

**Other Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm to the next regular meeting of the City of Kingsburg Finance Committee.