

Present were Pastors James Lafolette, Terry Cummings, Dean Hackett (arrived at 4:34pm), and Jeff Snell. Also present was Councilor Rod Hardin, Chief Edmiston, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Terry opened the meeting in prayer at 4:31pm.

Minutes- Terry moved and Jeff seconded to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean arrived at 4:34pm

Family Promise Update

James gave Family Promise updates:

- Kriss Dammeyer continues to work on Family Promise on a voluntary basis and continues to have 5-6 mentors/mentees that are active
- Family Promise continues to pay partial rent in the amount of \$150.00 per month for the office space Family Promise and Made to Thrive jointly utilize
- At the previous Made to Thrive Board meeting, the Board spoke about taking on Family Promise as a whole and James believes they will approve this process
 - The Committee reiterated their desire to move forward with Made to Thrive taking over Family Promise
- James will continue to recruit mentors and possible funding
- James stated at the previous Made to Thrive Board meeting, the Board decided to hire the professional grant writing firm out of Portland. This firm has access to millions of funds with very good possibilities to gain funding for both Family Promise and Made to Thrive through this process. The financial commitment to hire this firm is \$2,100/month, but the return is potentially \$200,000 or more per year. If Made to Thrive hires this firm and sees this type of financial return, the Board will, most likely, hire a part-time employee to help Kriss with Made to Thrive and Family Promise
- Terry and James suggested that Family Promise pay the funds that were promised to Kriss when she was hired, and repay James the financial loan he supplied to Family Promise with grant funds that are pending- the Committee agreed

School Adoption Information

The Committee spoke about the success this program has had and a possible new congregation that may adopt Highland Hills. This new interest was initiated from last week's City's Facebook post about the School Adoption Initiative.

Chief Edmiston exited the meeting at 5:00pm

Vacancy Update and Future Meetings Discussion

Dean announced he will be resigning effective December 31st, 2018. He has enjoyed his time serving the Committee, however he is no longer able to continue.

The Committee thanked Dean for his service throughout the years.

James stated Hugo Villalobos has contacted him and will not be going forward with applying to join the Committee. He gave appreciation for being considered and asked to participate, however his time is stretched thin with serving four congregations.

The Committee spoke regarding suggested persons that could possibly fill the two vacancies. James and Jeff will reach out to members they feel may want to participate and James encouraged the other Committee members to do the same.

James reiterated that although this Committee does not proselytize or speak about any specific religion or religious beliefs, it was formed with the knowledge that faith-based individuals would be represented on this Committee. Similar to the previous Business Advisory Committee, the City sought business owners and managers for this Committee, as was appropriate. He does not believe the Council would have appointed others to this Committee who would not be able to contribute to the growth or functionality of the group and its intention.

With this being said, the Committee has previously discussed placing requirements for its potential and current members; those requirement recommendations were:

- Be part of a faith-based community
- Have a recommendation from that persons faith leader
- Submit personal testimony of their faith/faith journey

The Committee supported that these recommendations be submitted to city administration for possible approval and have the FBAC ordinance updated. The Committee would like to be involved in this process going forward as well.

Water & Recycled Water Rate Restructuring

Rod and James gave information regarding the restructuring of water and recycled water rates that will be effective March 1st, 2019. James stated Oasis Church has reached out to him to ask if the City would consider some kind of a discount or lower rate adjustment as they are not only a non-profit organization they have also for the last 8-9 years, grown and provided, on their property on a weekly basis, fresh fruits and veggies to those in need through Agape House. Agape House weighs the produce donated and it has totaled 2 to 3 tons of fresh produce. Due to this significant contribution to the needy, the church consumes a lot of water.

The Committee encouraged James to ask the City for this consideration.

West Highland Ave Trail

The Committee spoke regarding the recently constructed W Highland Ave Trail and its benefits to the community.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, December 4th, at 4:30pm.

There was no other business and Terry adjourned the meeting in prayer at 5:30pm.