

BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, May 9, 2018, to meet with the Recognition Groups to discuss the Proposed FY 2019 Budget.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held in the Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Colin A. Byrd, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; Gregory Varda, Assistant Recreation Director; Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Mat Arbach, Greenbelt News Review and Bill Orleans.

Council met with the following groups and people to discuss funding requests:

Greenbelt Marker Space – George Boyce represented the group. The project is a robotics class which consists of 90 children. They would like to expand their robotics program to the high school. He presented a prototype to the Council. He is requesting \$3,117 in funding. They plan on raising \$3,000 in matching funds. The recommendation of funding is \$2,000. They are now a Co-op and have 125 members. Their goal is to have 200 members.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee – No representatives were present.

Greenbelt Arts Center – Donald Cook, who represented the group, gave an overview of the theater space. Malca Giblin stated that its profit share is based on a 50/50 split of the profits. The family friendly programs are showing an increase in attendance. There was discussion on the strategic plan for outreach to increase the audience numbers. Ms. Davis suggested that the Arts Center have advertisement placed in the Welcome to Greenbelt bags. Mayor Jordan asked about space utilization. They do rent space at an hourly rate of \$25 per hour for Greenbelt residents and \$50 per hour for non-residents.

Center for Dynamic Community Governance – Aileen Kroll, Rev. Ray Raysor and Ms. Raysor represented the group. The goal of this project is to help Greenbriar residents address obstacles that are impacting their use of services offered by CARES and the GAIL program. They are seeking board members to represent the different areas of Greenbelt, its diverse people and culture. The organization is requesting \$12,000 for the salary of a part-time Administrative Assistant, creation of Greenbelt Community Inclusion Governance Corps, compensation for trainers John Buck and Aileen Kroll, supplies, marketing and catering.

Greenbelt Swim Team – Michael (Marc) Swisdak represented the group. The swim team consists of about 90 to 100 members. There are plans to increase the membership fees. The summer session will start after Memorial Day. The membership fee is \$80 for residents. Non-Greenbelt residents must purchase a Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) membership in addition to registration fees. There is also an end of the year Swim Banquet where everyone will receive a trophy.

Greenbelt Senior Softball – George Harrison and Paul Leeks represented the group. They are seeking sponsorship with Downtown Locker Room (DTLR). They are requesting \$900. The first home game is June 14th with Bowie. The team can be followed on their website at www.Hometeamsonline.com.

Greenbelt Concert Band – Eli Zimet, Caroline Cherrix and Tom Cherrix represented the group. The Concert Band is requesting operating grant funding in the amount \$500. As of March 2018, they hold a 501(c)3 status. Ms. Davis suggested that they add the nonprofit status on the back of the brochure for donations. They will also put it on their website. They are willing to advertise for sponsorship contributions.

Greenbelt Soccer Alliance – David Whiteman represented the group. Mr. Whiteman indicated they have been in operation for 10 years and are seeking a fund request of \$4,500. They are currently using the field in New Carrollton because of the space and lighting. Ms. Pope suggested an additional \$700 in funding.

Greenbelt Babe Ruth – Ian Gleason represented the group. The funding request is \$4,000. The registration fee has increased from \$60 to \$80, which will cover the umpire fees and uniforms. The season will start the week of May 21.

Greenbelt Youth Baseball – Lance Beasley and Matthew Elliott represented the group. Mr. Beasley reported that they are marketing to the surrounding areas. Background checks are conducted through the City for the volunteers. The group requested \$10,000.

The Gemz Inc. – Adeola Ariyo represented the group. Ms. Ariyo is requesting project grant funding in the amount of \$2,500. She presented to the Council the upcoming projects and events. The group has implemented a summer camp for a week to focus on Financial and Entrepreneurship and STEAM. Ms. Mach suggested an additional \$1,000 for the program.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club – Orin Howard represented the group. Mr. Howard stated that their 501(c)3 has been reinstated. The Greenbelt cheerleaders are #1 nationally. The operating grant funding request is in the amount of \$15,000.

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) - Chris Logan and Meg Haney represented the group. The organization currently has board members. Ms. Davis suggested that they outreach for contributions and donations. The project grant funding request is in the amount of \$2,750.

Chesapeake Education, and Arts Research Society (CHEARS) - Maggie Cahalan represented the group. The committee is recommending \$1,000. The project grant funding request is in the amount of \$1,500. Ms. Cahalan explained the funding that the group has in their reserve account.

Greenbelt Farmers Market – No representation in attendance.

Mr. Putens asked for a clear understanding of the committee panel's scoring system for

requested funding for the program groups. Mayor Jordan would like to see a matrix or tally sheet of the line items.

Information Items – Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*