

The City of Greenbelt

Arts Advisory Board Meeting

September 2, 2014

Present:

Board Members: Tatiana Ausema (Chair), John Drago, Mark Granfors-Hunt (Vice Chair), Anna Socrates (Acting Secretary)

Members absent with prior notice: Oliver Gaycken, Shane Wisdom

Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

I. Contribution Groups Subcommittee Report

The focus of the meeting was to discuss a subcommittee draft letter to City Council regarding contribution groups.

Letter drafted to be ready for formal request from City Council. (A formal request had been submitted to the Recreation Department, but has not been formally passed on to the AAB.)

Anna Socrates summarized letter and subcommittee report

1. Suggestion of three-tiered system
 - legacy groups receiving operating expenses
 - contribution groups receiving programming expenses
 - recognition groups receiving meeting space
2. Enforcement of rules, e.g., requirement of fundraising match.
3. Greater accountability for groups receiving operating expenses.

Discussion of Report and Letter.

Suggestion made to create two different pots of money—possible funding source is the portion of the Public Education Government Access franchise fee that the City can use for whatever purpose. One pot of money for legacy groups receiving operating expenses. The second pot of money for arts groups seeking programming funds.

Desire to have system that will encourage new arts groups and innovation.

Letter and report tabled to await further direction.

If no direction, revisit issue a later meeting whether board wants to express our opinion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.