

## FAC Meeting Minutes 11.29.21

Members Present: Rusty Marine (SB liaison), Sheila Morse, Anne Rider, Lynn Pancake, Gordon Little

Members Absent: Timm Harris

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm.

### Postponed

1. Adopting minutes of 11.16.21 meeting until we get to integrate Timm's corrections.
2. Employee compensation discussion postponed, until Sheila meets with Selectboard members and will then update the FAC on that discussion
3. Library recommendation reconsideration, due to the fact that the Library Trustees will be coming to the Town for a large amount of money. Trustees will be meeting with architect and consultant, Isaac Wagner and then fill in the FAC. Knowing what they want may alter our recommendations.

### Discussion of ARPA funding recommendations...

1. Anne wants to be certain that the FAC emphasized that disbursements will go to residents and businesses
2. Anne advised committee members that Friends of Algiers is convening nonprofits based in Algiers Village to consider collaborative grant application. We will ask her to report on that meeting at the next FAC meeting. This discussion could potentially serve as model for the SB to consider funding nonprofits working collaboratively as opposed to in silo-mode
3. Is outdoor recreation and improvement of outdoor spaces a use of ARPA funds? Perhaps.
4. Pick Isaac Wagner's brain or Maggie Foley to learn if the Town employed a consultant to help leverage ARPA funds into much more funding for Town to benefit community.
  - a. Reason – accountability vis-à-vis progress, funding, and implementation
  - b. Hire person to help nonprofits achieve goals to move things along... here's the money, here's how to apply for it, here's how we're going to evaluate the proposals... not wasting SB's time
  - c. E.g, GC and CC4G both need facilities located in an easily accessible central part of community; they need \$\$\$ for their facilities and can get grants for staff and service delivery, but building grant may be hard to come by. With collaboration might be able to accomplish expanded delivery of services to community
  - d. Neighborhood collaborative and GPI buildings – everyone knows how to ask Isaac for a feasibility study, and then things just stop. No one moves forward to maximize possible resources to town.
  - e. Isaac might know if that's a role someone could take on.
  - f. Sheila will look into the possibility of using ARPA funds to hire someone...  
Remember: "take your time and think big."

Struggling with spending \$1.6M on a library facility that Town might not realize benefits if the money were spent elsewhere to benefit Guilford

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.