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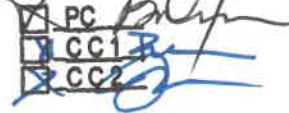
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Greene County, Missouri
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Greene County Commission
Commission Briefing Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
8:45 AM
Historic Courthouse, Room 212
940 N. Boonville Ave.

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Attendees: Bob Dixon, Rusty MacLachlan, John Russell, Chris Coulter, Megan Applegate, Kami Johnson and Justin Hill.

Teleconference Attendees: Rance Burger, Mike Cagle, Royce Denny and Allen Icet.

Informational Items

Budget-Tina Phillips

- Budget 2023 update.
- ERA1 and ERA2 update.

Human Resources-Kami Johnson

- MPR pool update.

Items for Consideration and Action by the Commission

Discussion and Possible Vote: Approval of a Wellness Fund Request for SAHRA Memberships 2023, HR Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan moved to approve the use of wellness funds for the SAHRA membership fees. Commissioner John Russell seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Letter of Support for Betty Bobby Allison

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the support letter to Betty Bobby Allison Sports Town. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Discussion and Possible Vote: Letter of Support for Springfield Art Museum

Commissioner John Russell moved to approve the letter of support to the Springfield Art Museum. Commissioner Rusty MacLachlan seconded the motion and it passed. Yes: Dixon, MacLachlan and Russell.

Other:

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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Informational Items

Budget
Human Resources
Chris Coulter
Public Information Office

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Discussion and Possible Vote: Letter of Support for Betty Bobby Allison

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Other:

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing you today to express our support of the Betty and Bobby Allison Sports Town. This facility is much needed for the greater Greene County area. It will allow kids who have not had an opportunity to play sports in their local area to participate in many programs and events near their home. This facility will also help attract sports tourism to the region. Per third party feasibility study done by the Huddle Up group, it is estimated that this facility will generate \$30,000,000 a year in new direct spend dollars for the community. The facility also has generated 25 new jobs with another 50 by spring of 2023. The local economy/small businesses will be grateful for all the direct spend dollars that are brought into the area. This facility will be a catalyst to spur development. It is also a great gateway into the city from travelers coming from the airport. Our hope is you give this project your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Missouri Department of Economic Development
Maggie Kost, Acting Director
P.O. Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Director Kost:

We are writing today to express our support for the City of Springfield's Local Tourism Asset Development Grant request of \$3,500,000 for the "Springfield Art Museum Renovation and Expansion" project.

The Springfield area continues to be one of the State's fastest growing areas and the Springfield Art Museum has been a key cultural tourism component of the region's growth for nearly 100 years. Since 1928, the Museum has served our community and visitors with outstanding fine art, arts education, hands-on classes, concerts, plays, and numerous other community events. In 2019 (pre-pandemic), the Museum reached a record breaking attendance of over 63,000 – including more than 8,000 students from across Southwest Missouri experiencing the Museum via field trips and tours. More than 50% of the Museum's visitors came from outside the area with 20% of visitors traveling more than 150 miles. In 2019, the Museum welcomed visitors from 47 states and territories representing over 900 unique zip codes.

In 2018, the Museum envisioned its next 100 years and developed a comprehensive site plan to take the Museum into its next century of service to Southwest Missouri. The project is a \$25,000,000 expansion of this cultural destination which, when re-opened, will attract upwards of 100,000 people – generating more than \$5,500,000 of annual economic impact while supporting 170 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and providing hundreds of thousands of dollars in local and state tax revenue year-after-year¹. Studies have shown that cultural tourists spend on average 60% more than other types of travelers. Cultural tourists are also more apt to support locally-owned businesses like boutique hotels, restaurants, and shops.

To-date, the City and the Museum have raised just under \$13,000,000 in public and private funding for the Renovation and Expansion Project - led by a \$3,000,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment by the City of Springfield as well as a \$5,000,000 lead private investment from the Sunderland Foundation of Overland Park, Kansas whose board members have professional and personal ties to the Springfield area.

As such, the City and the Museum have already secured matching funds for the State's \$3,500,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment. The State's ARPA investment in this project will improve the quality of life and place in Southwest Missouri while drawing tens of thousands of tourists to the region. Most importantly, this ARPA investment will be repaid to our State's citizens many times over the Museum's next 100 years of service to this community. We encourage the Department's review committee to approve the City of Springfield's Local Tourism Asset Development Grant request in full.

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