



HOTEL/MOTEL DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2018, 12:00 PM  
 FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The Hotel-Motel Discretionary Fund Committee convened at 12:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Distribution Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Council Member June Rogers (Seat F) presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: Kathryn Fitzgerald, Seat A  
 Ron Woolf, Seat B  
 John Nobles, Seat C  
 John Kohler, Jr., Seat D  
 Jim Soileau, Seat E

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
 Diana Hebel, Deputy City Clerk I  
 Carrie Peterson, Grants Administrator  
 Margarita Bell, City Controller

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2018

**Ms. Fitzgerald**, seconded by **Mr. Kohler**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2018.

**Chair Rogers** called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) Announcement of Discretionary Fund Awards for 2019 Distribution

Each member read their individual allocations into the record; Ms. Bell verified that the numbers match the allocations members sent to her. She distributed the allocation sheets, and the distribution of funds was as follows:

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Fairbanks Youth Litter Patrol, Inc.	\$10000
Alaska International Senior Games, Inc.	\$10250
Alaska Dog Musers Association	\$12917

Fairbanks Racing Lions Club, Inc.	\$3950
The World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, Inc.	\$15167
Fairbanks Community Band	\$5750
Tanana-Yukon Historical Society	\$8450
Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association	\$9092
Fairbanks Curling Club	\$5900
I.C.E. Alaska	\$25500
Pioneer Memorial Park, Inc.	\$10567
Tanana Valley State Fair Association	\$11450
Festival Fairbanks, Inc.	\$24083
Clay Street Cemetery Commission	\$7267
University of Alaska Museum of the North	\$3500
Fairbanks Community Museum	\$12550
Literacy Council of Alaska	\$3933
Christmas in Ice	\$6017
Alaska Songbird Institute	\$3833
Alaska Goldpanner Baseball, Inc.	\$10408
Fairbanks Arts Association	\$69416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$270,000.00</b>

**Chair Rogers** announced the Committee's recommended allocations to each organization. She informed everyone that the awards are scheduled to be approved by the City Council on January 7, 2019 at the Regular City Council Meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING (WRAP-UP)**

**Chair Rogers** explained the purpose of the wrap-up meeting. Members considered various dates in January for the wrap-up meeting. The Committee decided to schedule the wrap-up meeting for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. **Chair Rogers** invited everyone to attend.

**Chair Rogers** opened Public Testimony.

Karen Lane – Ms. Lane gave positive comments on the new logo.

Julie Jones – Ms. Jones thanked Margarita Bell for her work in helping improve the application. She stated that the Committee is doing a great job.

John Lohrke – Mr. Lohrke thanked the Committee and commented on how easy the application is to complete.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Chair Rogers** declared Public Testimony closed.

**Ms. Fitzgerald** stated that the logo is a little fuzzy, and she would like to work on it. She spoke to the improvements to the application within the last few years. She discussed how painful it is to have to eliminate applicants from consideration but stated that the process has to be fair.

**Mr. Woolf** thanked the organizations; he stated that he saw many familiar faces in the audience. He stated that it is an honor to serve, and he commended Ms. Rogers for doing a great job chairing the Committee.

**Ms. Rogers** stated things can always improve. She stated that she would ask the Clerk to create name/place cards for each member for the next meeting.

**Ms. Fitzgerald** spoke to the small-town familiarity between members and applicants.

**Mr. Kohler** stated that Fairbanks is unique in that non-profits drive so many activities and programs. He stated that everyone has a skin in the game.

**Ms. Rogers** stated that she does a lot of state-wide advocacy, and she is often asked how Fairbanks came to grant discretionary funds to organizations in the community. She stated that things get done in Fairbanks through collaboration.

**Ms. Fitzgerald** stated that the grant was first started with two applicants in 1981, and she was one of the applicants. She explained that at that time the City Council was the body to consider applications. She stated that things have grown and changed into the process that exists today, and she explained more about the history of the process. She indicated that she would like to see the grant amount of \$270,000 increased.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Soileau**, seconded by **Ms. Fitzgerald**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

**Chair Rogers** called for objection and, hearing none, declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 12:28 p.m.

  
June Rogers, Chair

  
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS