



City of Prescott

Civic Enhancement Committee

May 29, 2025 | 3:00 PM
201 N. Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wiens called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Susan Wiens, Chair
Christopher Briggs, Member
Timothy Holt, Member (Excused)
Linda Nichols, Member
George Snyder, Member (Excused)

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update and Overview of Financials for the Acker Trust Grant Program.

Senior Accountant Julie Vincent provided a presentation regarding the financial statement of the Acker Trust Fund detailing the revenues, expenditures, and assets. She stated that fifteen thousand was the anticipated budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Member Nichols asked for clarification on the actuals and the anticipated budget.

Ms. Vincent stated that the Committee would be able to recommend up to fifteen thousand in grant funding this year and that the yearly interest varies.

Councilman Moore asked for information on the capital assets in the fund.

Ms. Vincent responded that the fund had several parcels of land.

Chair Wiens inquired about the cash account and interest earned.

Ms. Vincent explained how the cash account interest was distributed.

The Committee discussed the total amount they could award and the possibility of using the principal.

Councilman Moore warned against using the principal as it may reduce future award amounts.

Member Nichols mentioned that the principal had been used in the past for some

come from.

Ms. Cusick stated that the music portion was added last year after the grant award and that the students came from schools, charter schools, and home school groups.

Member Briggs asked if partial funding would affect the program to which Ms. Cusick said she was not sure if the program would continue without the full funding amount.

There were no representatives from Yavapai Youth Choir.

4. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the March 20, 2025 Civic Enhancement Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER NICHOLS TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MEMBER BRIGGS. (PASSED 3-0)

- B. Consideration of Recommendation(s) for Awards of Acker Trust Grant Program Funds.

The Committee briefly discussed the process for evaluating the applicants, with Member Nichols recalling that in the past, an Executive Session was used to go over the applications.

Alane Moore Senior Assistant City Attorney stated that the open meetings laws required that the deliberations be done in open session and the applicants could be present.

Member Briggs described his criteria regarding music and youth focused programs for awarding the grant.

The Committee agreed that not funding applicants who did not appear at the meeting was appropriate and briefly discussed the remaining applicants' merits for the potential award of a grant.

The Committee continued to discuss the amounts for the three remaining applicants and Member Briggs and Chair Wiens noted that partial funding would not work for some of the applicants.

MOTION BY MEMBER BRIGGS TO AWARD AZ PHILHARMONIC \$9,831.00 AND ONE STAGE FAMILY \$5,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDING; SECONDED BY CHAIR WIENS. (PASSED 2-1) MEMBER NICHOLS DISSENTING

MOTION BY CHAIR WIENS TO NOT FUND PRESCOTT WESTERN HERITAGE FOUNDATION INC AND YAVAPAI YOUTH CHOIR; SECONDED BY MEMBER BRIGGS. (PASSED 3-0)

5. ADJOURNMENT

one-time projects.

B. GRANT APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

AZ Philharmonic Inc
One Stage Family Theatre
Prescott Western Heritage Foundation Inc
Yavapai Youth Choir

AZ Philharmonic - Abby Coffee presented and provided a handout to the Committee members and gave a presentation on the organization, collaborative projects, the youth serviced by the programs, and future goals.

Member Nichols asked about the amount of financial help provided by Prescott Unified School District.

Ms. Coffee reported that the school district offered in-kind services totaling three thousand dollars.

Member Briggs asked about contact hours with students and about how partial funding would affect the program.

Ms. Coffee reported that the students attended ten classes at approximately 45 minutes and that they would continue to seek other donations and funding.

Member Nichols asked if the program would continue with only partial funding to which Ms. Coffee said they would hope for a similar experience even with partial funding.

One Stage Family Theatre - Alexes Niekamp gave a presentation on the non-profit community theatre, the different jobs that the youth are involved in with the production which includes acting, set design and construction, and that the funding would be used for scholarships for the youth to participate.

Member Briggs asked about the musical aspect of the program and partial funding to which Ms. Niekamp replied that they sing and dance in the many musical shows put on by the group and partial funding would be happily accepted.


Member Nichols inquired about the audience, the venue, and the ticket sales.

Ms. Niekamp discussed performing at the Elks Theatre and the need to sell tickets to pay for various fees.

Prescott Western Heritage Foundation - Brenda Cusick gave a presentation on the Western Heritage Foundation and the quarterly program provided for the youth, and briefly discussed funding from Embry-Riddle for a new program.

Member Nichols asked about continuing the program and where the students

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Wiens adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.



SUSAN WIENS, Chair

ATTEST:



JOHN TRESIDDER, Senior City Clerk Specialist