

Community Planning Committee Meeting 8/18/2021 7:00 PM

Minutes

Attending: John Scheflen, Pam Politis, Ron Meick, Jennifer Borders

1. Minutes from June were accepted as written.

2. Covid relief fund: “American Rescue Plan Act” ARPA
The Town has already received the first tranche of more than \$100K. Another tranche is expected. All funds should be expended by 2024. Jen shared some resources she had found for determining eligibility for spending. See some attached to these minutes.

Uses suggested so far include broadband technology, funds to replace BWVC income losses, replace an aging BWVC sewer system, rain water management, economic need -- direct assistance for families and individuals, possible support for economic diversity in the Ardens and other possible ideas, new playgrounds equipment, support for aging in place and homecare. It was decided that a brief presentation of eligible spending categories of projects should be presented to the September Town Assembly. Ideas will be solicited from each Town Committee. An article in the October *Page* will encourage residents to submit ideas. A first public meeting will be held in October to discuss the ideas. More public meetings will be held if residents show an interest and a final recommendation for projects will be presented to the January Town Assembly for a vote; or alternatively, a referendum will be held to finalize expenditures.

3. Governance task force formation

The two drafts of the Governance Task Force description document were compared. It was agreed that, while Ray

Seigfried's draft had some good ideas, it created a much larger role for the Task Force than the original draft that sought to narrow the focus to cleaning up and reconciling existing governing documents. Jen will circulate both documents. The task force will be brought to Advisory Committee in September for discussion/approval at the September Town Meeting.

The CPC discussed nominations to the Task Force. John Scheflen agreed to be a CPC representative. Other names were Marianne Cignanglia, Lisa Mullinax, Barbara Henry, and Ray Seigfried as Chair.

4. Ordinance 15

Revisions are still needed but put on hold at the moment.

5. New Business

The Committee is not sure if meeting in person will be best or possible for the September meeting. This is TBA.

The Town should have a consistent mask mandate for all public indoor gatherings. Jen will bring this to Advisory.

An "Economic Diversity" retreat for the Town was discussed. There have been quite a few informal discussions in Town about gentrification. It was suggested that we could find other communities who have experience dealing with it and seek ideas. Scholars Guild could also do a lecture in conjunction with this idea. The retreat could in part take the form of a panel discussion and forum. Ideas for panelists were Ben Gruswitz, who is in Ardencoft and a Philly planner, Profs. From UD on urban planning, Wyn Achenbaum, Georgist.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 7 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Borders

American Rescue Plan funds:

Should be used “to continue to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery. In addition to helping these governments address the revenue losses they have experienced as a result of the crisis, it will help them cover the costs incurred due responding to the public health emergency and provide support for a recovery – including through assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, aid to impacted industries, and support for essential workers. It will also provide resources for state, local, and Tribal governments to invest in infrastructure, including water, sewer, and broadband services.”

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/featured-stories/fact-sheet-the-american-rescue-plan-will-deliver-immediate-economic-relief-to-families>

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/non-entitlement-units>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU-Webinar-Deck-for-State-Governments.pdf>

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Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Funding Objectives

- **Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts** to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control
- **Replace lost public sector revenue** to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- **Support immediate economic stabilization** for households and businesses
- **Address systemic public health and economic challenges** that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic

Eligible Jurisdictions & Allocations

Direct Recipients

- States and District of Columbia (\$195.3 billion)
- Counties (\$65.1 billion)
- Metropolitan cities (\$45.6 billion)
- Tribal governments (\$20.0 billion)
- Territories (\$4.5 billion)

Indirect Recipients

- Non-entitlement units (\$19.5 billion)



Support Public Health Response

Fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff



Address Negative Economic Impacts

Respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector



Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss

Use funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic



Premium Pay for Essential Workers

Offer additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water and invest in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure



Broadband Infrastructure

Make necessary investments to provide unserved or underserved locations with new or expanded broadband access



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