

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 30, 2018
5:30 PM - 6:35 PM

Present: Lee Beckman, Amanda Lessley, Robert Reisner, Ben Borgic, Melissa Borgic, Jennifer Henterscher, Dian Scott, Melissa Brooks, Rosetta M. York & Steve Rubsam

- Discussed cash on hand and pledge amounts the Community Foundation accumulated for the River Walk monument project. Amanda spoke of ways to better promote pledges by highlighting the trail as a quality of life project to attract people to the area. Pledges could be made in memory of a family member or cash could be accepted for donations of a smaller amount in lieu of an engraving. Co-sponsor an event for the trail in conjunction with an Illinois Bicentennial Celebration or Burl Ives event. An event offering pork burgers, t-shirts and a raffle was discussed. Possible small-scale models of the monuments made from a 3-D printer is a possibility to better promote the monuments. Amanda noted a thermometer board to gauge pledge progression is needed.
- Ben will look into the possibility of having a scale model of the monument(s) formed on the high school 3-D printer. Melissa, Jennifer and Dian suggested ideas for an event and the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council involvement.
- Discussion about scaling down the monument project if more pledges are not forthcoming. Having only one monument and locating it in the park at the trail entrance is an option. The current monument with a smaller courtyard and eagle on a pedestal was favored by the committee.
- Lee advised IDOT paperwork for the trail has been signed with projected construction to start in 2019. He advised plans for the monument(s) need to be finalized within the next eight months. This allows time for pledge raising events.
- Melissa gave an update on the changes the state is making to the Revolving Loan Fund and a meeting she attended on the subject. Some of the options will require council approval and more options have evolved since the state meeting. Melissa recommended further discussion at a future committee meeting as more information becomes available.
- Police Department impound fees were discussed. Impound fees collected by the Police Department will be directed to the Police Department Vehicle Fund beginning May 1, 2018.

Adjourned 6:35 PM

Steve Rubsam
Finance Committee Chairman