

VISITORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2020 at 7:30 AM
City of Valley City Commission Chamber and Zoom

Chair Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM.

Present: Ken Reid, Mary Lee Nielson,
Bobby Koeplin, Paige Bjornson and Greg Vanney (via Zoom).

Minutes

Member Vanney moved to approve the minutes of the July 23rd, 2020 meeting, seconded by Member Nielson. Motion carried.

Financials Year to Date

- **Image Enhancement Grants**
\$54,516.73 estimated available 2020 funds.

Member Reid moved to approve the Image Enhancement Grant financials as submitted by the City, seconded by Member Nielson. Motion carried.

- **Food & Beverage Grants**
Estimated available funds -\$56,420.75 based on obligations.

Member Vanney moved to approve the Food & Beverage Grant financials as submitted by the City, seconded by Member Reid. Motion carried.

Consider Application for Image Enhancement for Micaiah's Studio of Ballet & LivFit Fitness LLC. Micaiah Lausche presented her application via Zoom. Planning to open October 5th. The program encompasses a wide range of individuals and families in the community starting at age 2 and one of the oldest members is 72 years young. Building confidence and teaching skills for when the younger enter into the work field. Will be doing hybrid classes to reach rural communities or if they are quarantined they can still participate. Will be starting a new program for individuals who have disabilities. Creating a course for athletes to help with agility and movement.

Chair Koeplin asked what type of lease was on the facility.

Micaiah stated they were hoping to purchase but then COVID hit and the banks were hesitant on the loan without not knowing the future of the business. Micaiah stated they would still love to purchase the building. Member Nielson stated they will have the rental as long as they want it.

Member Bjornson made a motion to recognize the conflict of interest with Member Nielson being the owner of the rental property. Seconded by Member Vanney. Motion carried.

Member Bjornson made a motion to approve the application for Image Enhancement funds for up to \$955 as presented and make recommendation to the City, seconded by Member Vanney. Motion carried. (Mary Lee Abstained due to conflict of interest as owner of the building).

Discuss VCSU's Replacement on the Visitor's Committee.

Member Vanney informed the committee he will be in Valley close to the end of October. He spoke with President LaFave about filling the spot. They are searching for his replacement at the University but unsure if that person will fill his spot on the Visitor's Committee.

Chair Koeplin stated if it's okay with the group and the University we will continue to have Member Vanney on the committee until the end of October and if the University comes up with a replacement in the meantime we will present that person to the City.

Other

October 6th is the next Commission meeting. Member Nielson stated she would be available to present to the Commission as Chair Koeplin will not be available that day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Johnson
Acting Secretary