

**GREATER RIFLE IMPROVEMENT TEAM  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday March 10, 2020

\*Noon\* City Hall Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Greater Rifle Improvement Team Advisory Board is called to order by Chairman of the Board Garrick Frontella at 12:03 p.m.

Present at roll call: Garrick Frontella, Helen Rogers, Evin Sartin, Samm Young, and Kari Slappy. Mayor Barbara Clifton stands in for Councilman Brian Conde as City Council liaison.

Visitor introductions: Carla, Gina Reese Long with the Chamber

Kristine Llacunna arrives to the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

MINUTES: Evin Sartin motions to approve the minutes of the Feb. 11 2020 meeting and Helen Rogers seconds the motion. The motion passes.

**Grant application discussion:**

- Hometown Holidays

The board re-addresses the grant application and request from The Chamber in the amount of \$35,676.

Gina Reece-Long opens the discussion with some points on how the event requires a team of knowledgeable staff to ensure its success. She also highlights the fact that the event is loved valley wide. Board member Helen Rogers agrees that the event is important; however the question is referred to the budget and distribution of the funds requested going towards “employee time”. Board member Evin Sartin

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clarifies that funds granted by G.R.I.T. are definitely not designated for “employee time”. Gina explains that a lot of staff time is put into Hometown Holidays, and the board is welcome designate what amount of funds they are willing to approve. Mrs. Reese-Long explains how the budget was drawn up to support the chamber and its efforts to put this event. Mayor Barbara Clifton inquires if the support that Alpine Bank had pledged in the past was still intact. This issue is undetermined. Alpine Bank reduced sponsorship from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and a meeting set up with Jay Rickstrew to clarify this. These funds were designated for the fireworks display. Gina was unclear as to the fact if the funds are going specifically towards fireworks. Gina Reece-Long exits the meeting for the open discussion.

After much deliberation, the board concedes to fund Hometown Holidays event. Evin Sartin makes a motion to approve \$16,076, with \$5,000 going specifically to the fireworks display in which GRIT would be recognized as a sponsor. Samm Young seconds the motion, and the board votes unanimously to approve,

- Rifle Heritage Center

The board discusses the Rifle Heritage Center grant application. The main issue lies with the building needing extensive repairs and the building belonging to The City and leased to the Heritage Center. If the Heritage Center can agree to certain terms, granting funds could be a possible. The board votes to table this issue for further discussion.

Samm Young motions to table this issue pending further discussion. Kristine Llacuna seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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The meeting adjourns at 1:03 p.m.

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Garrick Frontella  
GRIT Chair

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Administrative Assistant