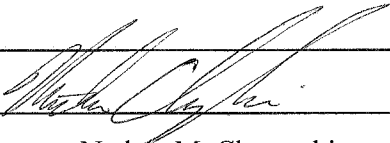


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 11, 2010	AGENDA NO. VII. A. 2	SUBJECT: Continuance on discussion for SLV Museum's request for out of cycle funding for the year 2010
Department Head:		
City Manager: 		
Nathan M. Cherpeski		
PRESENTED BY: Nathan M. Cherpeski		

Recommendation

It is recommendation of staff to adopt alternative 1, determining that the request cannot be funded at this time and invite the museum to submit during the normal funding cycle for the year 2011.

Background

At the last meeting, several questions were raised about the request made by the museum. Council pointed out that based on testimony at the meeting the need was closer to \$9,000 and not \$20,000. The actual use of the funds was questioned as was the ability of the City to do something in-kind. Council asked that staff meet with Dorothy Brandt to further clarify these issues.

Staff met with Mrs. Brandt and received additional information on the project. In order to complete the project, the museum needs roughly \$12,000. It was indicated that they may have been misunderstood during the October 2009 meeting when the claim was made the entire project was already funded. The attached letter shows the items still outstanding. The grant discussed at the last meeting is to furnish the room and not for construction.

While staff agrees the museum has benefit and has accomplished much with very little, staff's recommendation would be to have the museum reapply in July, so that their request may be weighed against other nonprofit requests and the overall operational needs of the City.

Issue Before the Council

Does the City Council wish to consider the museum request?

Alternatives

Alternative 1. Determine that the request can not be funded at this time and invite the museum to apply during the normal funding cycle.

Alternative 2. Agree to fund this request or a portion of this request and direct staff to bring it forward at a future meeting. This will likely require one of more operating division to make cuts. Staff would also request that Council determine several areas where they would like the City to cut current operational budgets to fund this request.

Alternative 3. Decline to act at this time and give staff further direction for future action.

Fiscal Impact

Alternative 1 - No financial impact.

Alternative 2 - These requested funds have not been budgeted. While there may be savings in certain divisions, the City has significant needs. The City currently dedicates \$119,000 per year towards non-profit funding. These are funds that could be dedicated to infrastructure or other needs. For example, this amount is enough to do several blocks of street overlay work.

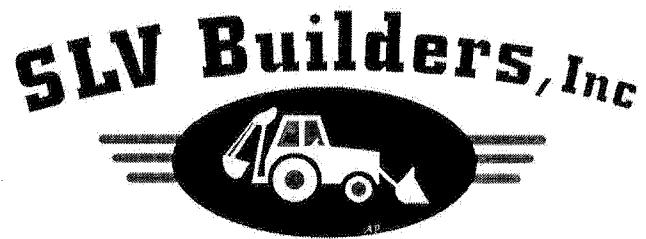
Alternative 3- Impact is unknown.

Legal Opinion

The City Attorney will be present for any legal questions.

Conclusion

While staff agrees that the museum is a valuable asset, it is not prudent to provide the \$12,000 at this time. The Museum would be eligible to apply under Council's current policy.



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May 7, 2010

Re: SLV Museum

Funds needed to complete stage two of the museum:

Electrical = \$6,500.00

Heating and Cooling = \$5,779.00

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Erickson", written in a cursive style.

Scott Erickson
SLV Builders, Inc