

# **Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission**

## **SPECIAL CALL MEETING PHONE CONFERENCE**

June 3, 2022  
Saluda Shoals Park  
Administration Building  
12:00PM

### **Members Attending**

Bill Harmon, Laura Huggins, Michael Cromer

### **Members Absent**

Akil Ross, Gary Boyd

### **Non-Members Attending**

Mark Smyers, Jay Downs, Christina Bickley

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harmon called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

## **II. REQUIREMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

In accordance with the requirements of The Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified of the meeting, it was posted on the website, and a notice and agenda posted at the park sites.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Economic Development Administration Grant Package Amendment**

Original grant application included a required \$1.5 million as match funds and requested \$4.2 million from the EDA for Phase II of the Lower Saluda Greenway. The new grant application will require \$4,336,240 in match funds and requesting \$1,225,667 from the EDA for Phase II of the Lower Saluda Greenway. Proposing to accept EDA Grant, reducing the project contingency to 24.5% and using the remaining State of South Carolina funds (8 million earmarked in current budget pending approval) as the remaining match.

Commissioner Huggins asked why the EDA reduced from \$4 million to \$1.2 million. Mr. Smyers stated that the reduction was because of what was available for funding at the EDA and the scope of our project.

Commissioner Huggins inquired about how the 30% contingency was established and if our funding needs would still be covered. Mr. Smyers stated that 10% is a typical contingency for us during construction. A 30% contingency was a recommendation from the Feasibility Study Contractor intended to last over a 10-year span. The 24.5% should still be within range.

Commissioner Cromer asked if decreasing funds remaining from the State after Phase I to go toward Phase II and the EDA grant will reduce what we have for Phase III match? Mr. Smyers replied that the 8 million value was not pursued, it was offered. \$5.5 million will be needed for the construction of Phase I. The Trail Spur and Phase III still need resources to develop. If the remaining State funds are encumbered by Phase II, then we would be starting from scratch for match for the remaining unfunded construction. 20% match is usually required for federal programs.

Commissioner Cromer asked what would happen if bids were more than expected. Mr. Smyers replied that the scope would need to be edited and value engineered. All partners will need to be communicated with if any edits take place.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAURA HUGGINS TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCEPT THE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS TOWARD THE EDA GRANT. SECONDED BY MICHAEL CROMER. VOTE TAKEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL CROMER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY LAURA HUGGINGS. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20PM.

Respectfully,  
Christina Bickley  
Recording Secretary  
IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION