

Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
PHONE CONFERENCE

January 19, 2021
Saluda Shoals Park
Administration Building
Time 5:30 PM

Members Attending

Bill Harmon, Gary Boyd, Laura Huggins, Akil Ross, Michael Cromer

Non-Members Attending

Mark Smyers, Eve Mittendorf, Jay Downs

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harmon called the meeting to order at 5:39pm.

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 Match Commitment

Commissioner Harmon communicated that staff presented for Commission approval a request to submit an EDA Tourism grant that requires a commitment of \$1.5M matching funds that have already been received from State.

Mark Smyers shared that the agency received \$1.5M several years ago. Mr. Smyers stated that an opportunity has come available to seek the funding for the construction of Phase I of the Lower Saluda Greenway. Phase I consists of the section between the Lake Murray Dam and Saluda Shoals Park. The funds would come from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the American Rescue Plan Programs through a Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant. The estimated construction costs for Phase I is \$4.472M. To apply for this grant, it would require the commitment of the Commission for the \$1.5M we currently hold from the State. The remaining balance we would ask for, in grant dollars, is \$4.072M.

Chairman Harmon shared that if the grant is not awarded, ICRC maintains the \$1.5M from the State. Commissioner Ross inquired how the monies show up in accounting; is it encumbered until the grant is awarded. Mr. Smyers stated yes. Mark Smyers shared that once the grant is submitted, the EDA recognizes that the monies have been approved by the Commission and if awarded, the EDA is looking at ICRC to execute.

Discussion occurred regarding additional donor commitments for Phase II.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAURA HUGGINS TO APPROVE THE COMMITMENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS TOWARD THE EDA TRAVEL, TOURISM, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT. SECONDED BY AKIL ROSS. VOTE TAKEN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Mittendorf, Recording Secretary
IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION