



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
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**I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Mendelson called the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Community Benefit Program ("FPUD CBP") Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was established and attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Present: Jim Mendelson, Chair  
Elana Sterling, Vice Chair  
Anna Marchand, Secretary  
Lila Hargrove  
Jerry Kalman  
Leticia Maldonado/Stamos  
Rosie Redmond

Absent: None

District Staff Present: Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present: Nineteen people in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Committee Vice Chair Sterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b) – There were no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to approve the agenda, as presented; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Mendelson requested all attendees complete a speaker card and called for public comment on non-agenda items. No comments were received at this time.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.....(ITEMS A – B)**

**A. SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to approve the September 9, 2024 FPUD CBP Committee Meeting Minutes, as presented; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**B. SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION: Committee Member Redmond pointed out that the exhibits attached to the Minutes were provided by Committee Member Hargrove and not by Committee Member Redmond as stated at page 12 of the Agenda Package. Committee Member Kalman moved to approve the September 19, 2024 FPUD CBP Committee Meeting Minutes, as corrected; Committee Member Redmond seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**III. ACTION/DISCUSSION.....(ITEMS C-E)**

**C. DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION SCORING BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Proposal Development Workgroup Chair Hargrove provided a thorough summary of the application scoring results. Committee Secretary Marchand read a section of prior Minutes aloud which included the manner in which applications would be entitled to full discussion and the method for allotting funds in the event the funding budget did not suffice the funding requests. Committee Chair Mendelson pointed out the funding budget was sufficient to fund every application to be discussed. Proposal Development Workgroup Chair Hargrove reported that

the Fallbrook Rider's Field did not obtain a majority vote for funding. As a result, this application was not further discussed by the Committee.

D. DETERMINATION OF FUNDING LEVELS FOR APPROVED APPLICATIONS

Proposal Development Workgroup Chair Hargrove provided a summary of the voting results which included some notes and details from various Committee members. She further explained that there was a unanimous vote to fully fund six applicants. The remaining applicants received a majority vote to fund with some suggested changes to the requested funding amount. The following motions and discussions were made.

1. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and its project identified as SOF Treescape & Flower Pot in the amount of 11,150; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed.  
VOTE:

AYES: Six  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: One/Committee Member Kalman Recused Self  
ABSENT: None

2. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Land Conservancy and its project identified as Los Jilgueros in the amount of 56,700; Committee Member Redmond seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Six  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: One/Committee Member Kalman Recused Self  
ABSENT: None

3. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Community Youth Baseball and its project identified as Bathroom Renovation in the amount of 12,000; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed.  
VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None



4. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fully fund the Wildlands Conservancy and its project identified as the Santa Margarita River Trail Parking Log Biofiltration in the amount of 173,000; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

5. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Community Youth Baseball, Inc., and its project identified as Asphalt in the amount of 281,781; Committee Member Redmond seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

6. MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Trails Council and its project identified as Weed Abatement in the amount of 9,500; Committee Member Maldonado/Stamos seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Six  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: One/Committee Vice Chair Sterling Recused Self  
ABSENT: None

Committee Chair Mendelson announced that the remaining projects would proceed following public comment.

7. MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fund the Fallbrook Regional Health District and its project identified as Sidewalk and 2 ADA Ramps in the amount of 28,950 which is less the legal fees that were included in the requested amount; Committee Vice Chair Sterling seconded. There was no public comment and the vote commenced. The motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

8. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fund the Fallbrook Village Association and its project identified as Parks Preservation and Conservation Continuation in the amount of 16,150 which is less the taxes, insurance and/or utilities that were included in the requested amount; Committee Member Redmond seconded. There was no public comment and the vote commenced. The motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

9. Zack Kantor-Anaya made public comment addressing notes summarized by Proposal Development Workgroup Chair Hargrove. He explained that two locations require sign upgrades and a third location is new and will need signage. The signs to be installed will be more durable than the older signs. The organization continues to look into alternative funding sources. At least 60,000 visitors are on site per year.

MOTION: Committee Member Redmond moved to fully fund the Wildlands Conservancy and its project identified as Santa Margarita River Trail Head Improvement in the amount of 23,000; Committee Member Kalman seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

10. Ani Vartanians made a public comment to explain additional budget items included mulching and tree trimming that had not been included in the past budget.

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fully fund the Mission Resource Conservation District and its project identified as Mission Medians in the amount of 25,000; Committee Member Redmond seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

11. MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to fund the Fallbrook Village Association and its project identified as Parks Preservation-impact of Homeless and Conservation in the amount of 18,400 which is less the taxes, insurance and utilities that were included in the requested amount; Committee Member Redmond seconded. There was no public comment and the vote commenced. The motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

12. Josh Guerrettaz made public comment to explain that the amount requested was not the full amount of money needed to complete routine maintenance.

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fund the Fallbrook Sports Association and its project identified as Routine Maintenance Funding the full amount of 73,800; Committee Chair Mendelson seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

13. Jenna Gratz made public comment explaining that the Railroad Heritage Park was at the final phase of a five-year project that had engaged dozens of other donors. The Community Benefit Program, if it continues to fund the project, will have funded approximately thirty percent of the project.

MOTION: Committee Secretary Marchand moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Village Association and its project identified as Railroad Heritage Park in the amount of 24,975; Committee Member Kalman seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous



NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

14. Leta Tabish made public comment that the prevailing wage requirement and the extent of work to be completed was causing the request to be more than a prior budget. Further discussion took place during which Committee Members discussed that there exists a responsibility to the Fallbrook Public Utility District's rate payers; that some of the applications fail to sufficiently describe required financial information; that the current process has provided further opportunity for missing information to be addressed and considered; and that applicants must pay attention to the application requirements. There may be cycles of funding where requests are greater than resources. In that case, insufficient applications could be disqualified from funding. Specifically, a project budget is required. Committee Member Redmond made further comment that the Fallbrook Trails Council is a proven organization with an exceptionally responsible board and provides Fallbrook a valuable natural asset.

MOTION: Committee Member Redmond moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Trails Council and its project identified as Trail Excavation and Repairs in the amount of 30,000; Committee Chair Mendelson seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Six  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: One/Committee Vice Chair Sterling Recused Self  
ABSENT: None

15. Leta Tabish made public comment that the items to be funded have not been included in prior budgets. The security will be in place from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Trails Council and its project identified as Maintenance and Security in the amount of 25,000; Committee Chair Mendelson seconded. The vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Six  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: One/Committee Vice Chair Sterling Recused Self  
ABSENT: None

16. MOTION: Committee Member Hargrove moved to fully fund the Fallbrook Center for the Arts and its project identified as Mural Restoration in the amount of 11,760; Committee Chair Mendelson seconded. There was no public comment and the vote commenced. The motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

E. NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE GIVEN MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2024 VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

Since the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, Committee Chair Mendelson suggested the November meeting be moved to a different day.

MOTION: Committee Vice Chair Sterling moved to reschedule the November meeting to November 12, 2024; Committee Member Kalman seconded. A vote commenced and the motion passed. VOTE:

AYES: Unanimous  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**IV. WORK GROUP REPORTS..... (ITEMS F-I)**

F. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – No Report

G. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT – No Report

H. CONTRACT OVERSIGHT

Contract Oversight Workgroup Chair Marchand announced she will be preparing the new contracts for distribution once the funding amounts are approved by the Fallbrook Board of Directors.

I. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Committee Member Kalman announced that the Fallbrook Public Utility District's website is being updated with the current meeting schedule.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**



Committee Secretary Marchand will prepare a letter of recommended funding based on today's meeting decisions for Committee Chair Mendelson to submit to the Fallbrook Public Utility District's Board of Directors. It is intended that the letter be submitted today for inclusion in the Board of Directors November Agenda Package.

Committee Secretary Marchand will send email notices to all the applicants addressing the decisions made at today's meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

*Next regularly scheduled meeting November 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.*

Committee Members shall submit November Agenda items to Committee Chair Mendelson on or before November 8, 2024.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Committee Member Kalman; seconded by Committee Member Hargrove, and passed unanimously, the Community Benefit Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

  
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Chair, Community Benefit Committee

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Community Benefit Committee