

Advisory Board Project PATH Minutes
April 27, 2023

A. Meeting called to order-

City Manager Stockdale called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Roll Call- Present - Commissioner Dorran, City Managers; Stockdale, Smith, Slaght and Burgener present via phone.

Absent –

Others: Stepping Stones Alliance Members; Cathy Lloyd and Jesalyn Cole, Carla McLane and City of Umatilla, Esmeralda Perches.

B. Approval of Minutes-

City Manager Stockdale requested motion to approve minutes. City Manager Slaght moved for approval of minutes. Motioned seconded by City Manager Smith. Motion carried.

C. Quarterly Report-

City Manager Stockdale reviewed quarterly report with group. City Manager Stockdale requested a motion to approve quarterly report as is. City Manager Smith moved for approval of quarterly report. Motioned seconded by City Manager Slaght. Motion carried.

D. Project PATH Updates -

Jesalyn Cole, updated the group that there are three board positions open for Stepping Stones. A grant has been submitted to fund a passenger van. Lastly, reminded the group that Echo/Stanford agreed to provide food for the ISU builds this weekend April 29th, Umatilla May 6th and Hermiston May 20th.

E. Strategic Plan –

Carla provided updated draft and requested for final feedback. City Manager Smith stated there is no context involving any partnership with agencies for people with disabilities. Carla stated she will add a paragraph including the above adding it will be a work in progress. Also, add information in regards to reviewing the plan annually. City Manager Stockdale requested motion to approve Strategic Plan with correction listed above. City Manager Burgener moved for approval of plan with corrections. Motion seconded by County Commissioner Dorran. Motion carried.

F. Site Updates-

Esmeralda Perches stated Geotech Report has been provided to SHPO. Anticipate ground leveling to commence the week of May 15th.

G. Discussion of Public Participation –

City Manager Smith requested feedback for evening meeting for public participation. Group consensus was if there is public participation interest, they are more than welcome to attend the evening Stepping Stones Board Meeting the first Wednesday of every month.

H. Public Comment –

None

I. Open Table Discussion –

City Manager Smith asked Stepping Stones if they could brainstorm for a possible different location for pickups and drop offs as his staff is concerned for their safety. Jesalyn stated they

are contemplating Sunset Park. Commissioner Dorran stated a possible location off of Beech Street and Spruce. There is a property located there that belongs to the County. He will speak to officials and get back to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19.