

NAP Meeting, April 19, 2012 at City Hall

Attendees: Beth Kieres, David Rittenhouse, Alex Kachirisky, Troy Bowers, Jef Treece

The purpose of the meeting is make decisions about stipends to be able to make a recommendation to the City Council.

Agenda: discuss stipend governance

Minutes:

We discussed a series of questions about how we think the City should manage the stipends. Below are the results of questions we voted on. Jef will write up a proposal based on these results that we can take to City Council and find out if it's acceptable.

Question: should there be a reserve fund?

Proposal: establish a reserve fund for addressing unanticipated NA funding needs, such as a previously-dormant NA that suddenly needs some funds to “come alive” again

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: should we impose an upper limit on the account balance a NA is permitted to carry?

Proposal: do not interfere in NA budget; no limit should be imposed by us.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: how should funds be distributed from the city stipend?

Proposal: each active NA gets a \$300 “base” dollar amount, regardless of size of the NA.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Proposal: of the total stipend from the city, 10% “off the top” is given to the reserve fund.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Proposal: the remaining money from the city stipend, it is divided among the active NAs proportionally to the population in that NA (referred to as the “variable” portion of the NA stipend. In case population numbers are not obtainable, the NAP may substitute a different metric for population.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: is NAP empowered to fund money to NAs (from the reserve fund)?

Proposal: Yes, if/when to allocate funds from the reserve fund is the NAP's sole responsibility with respect to the reserve fund. Decisions are made per the NAP normal decision process. A positive decision means we request a transfer of a specific dollar amount from the reserve fund into the requesting NA fund, after which it's up to that NA to spend the money according to their normal process. The duly-authorized NAP representative for the NA requesting the money must personally make the request.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: what if a NA wishes to refuse a portion of the stipend funding?

Proposal: A statement in our write-up mentions that a NA may refuse funds if they feel their NA is already sufficiently funded.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: what happens to money that is refused or returned by a NA?

Proposal: any refused or returned money is transferred to the reserve fund.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Question: is the reserve fund permitted to grow?

Proposal: remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year is divided among the active NAs according to the same proportions established above in the “variable” funding decision.

Vote: 5-0 in favor

Minutes recorded by Jef Treece