

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

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The Commissioners of Dexter Donation meet this day at 4:00 o'clock P.M., in Committee Room "A", Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Dr. Wayne J. Montague, Renee L. Bailey, Krystle Gomez and Pleshette Mitchell – 4.

ABSENT: Mayor David N. Cicilline and Violet R. Little – 2.

Also present are Leo Perotta, Senior Advisor, Mayor's Office, Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk and Tina L. Mastroianni, Assistant Clerk.

(Subsequently, Ms. joins the meeting.)

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Okay.

MR. PEROTTA: I will be representing – while Mayor Cicilline is absent, I'll be representing him on the board, and it's Leo Perotta.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Okay, we have a quorum and number one on the agenda distribution of funds. Do we have a message from the Mayor at all?

MR. PEROTTA: Yes, Dr. Montague. As everyone probably knows the Dexter Donation Foundation is based upon monies that are generated through the stock market or investments through the course of the year. The Dexter Donation, like any other endowment, unfortunately this year is down substantially. That was reported earlier this year and it made the job of distributing the funds that much more difficult hence the lateness of this meeting. With that said, the recommendations this year are all small grants. There are no large grants, which was the case in previous years. With that said, we have a number of recommendations, which the commissioners can review and for the most part

basically for 90% of the applicants the amount is approximately half of what it was the previous year.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: What's the total amount of dollars?

MR. PEROTTA: The total amount that we are going to be distributing is 92,000 and change or somewhere thereabouts. Requests totaled 476,000. So, you can see the difficulty –

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: What were the requests again?

MR. PEROTTA: Requests were a total of \$476,748.00. Funds available was in the 92,000. In years previous we were able to distribute upwards of 240, 270,000. So, as you can see the difficulty in making –

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: How many groups applied?

MR. PEROTTA: A better part of over 120.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Over 120. How many of them are receiving funds?

MR. PEROTTA: I believe, with the exception of maybe one or two groups, everyone will be receiving funds.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Everyone.

MR. PEROTTA: Everyone, with the exception of one or two. Those one or two were large contributions that the city made in previous years, which were highly unusual and they are getting funds through other means, through other grant opportunities.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Do the board members have any questions regarding how the money was distributed?

MS. MITCHELL: I'm fine.

MS. BAILEY: I haven't had a chance to finish looking at it.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Did you take a look at it?

MS. MITCHELL: Um-hum.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Any questions? Any question, Renee?

MS. BAILEY: No.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: All right, I've looked at it and I looked at the amounts –

MR. PEROTTA: Mr. Chairman, if we could recognize Violet Little is –

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Violet Little is here.

MR. PEROTTA: -- is in attendance.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Did you get a chance to look at this format?

MS. LITTLE: No.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Did you look at it?

MS. BAILEY: Was this sent out?

MR. PEROTTA: No.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: No.

MR. PEROTTA: Well, I can explain to Violet because she didn't have the luxury of hearing everything else. The amount available this year is around \$90,000.00, which is substantially less than previous years.

MS. LITTLE: Um-hum, that's understandable.

MR. PEROTTA: As a result the awards are all small awards. There's no large awards, which was the case in previous years. With that said, with the exception of maybe one or two applicants everyone has received something and in most cases if not all cases the awards are somewhere in the vicinity of half of what they were the –

MS. LITTLE: Of what they were the previous years.

MR. PEROTTA: -- previous award year.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: So, they received a thousand dollars –

MR. PEROTTA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: -- most people.

MR. PEROTTA: Most.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: So, it's pretty fair.

MR. PEROTTA: And, if you were a new applicant it was somewhere in the range – if you didn't receive anything in '08 the award was a minimum award of two fifty.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: I'll give you a chance to look at it if you have any questions or concerns let me know. It wasn't two hundred and fifty thousand.

MS. BAILEY: I'm getting one of them. If we're giving out that much, I'm getting a check.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: While Ms. Little is still looking at it, I went through this and it looks like it's fair. If anybody has any suggestions or questions regarding any group or whatever please feel free to let me know. I'm going to wait for Ms. Little to look at it but it seems fair the numbers that the Mayor's office has come up with. Everybody gets a little piece of the pie. Violet, do you have any questions?

MS. LITTLE: No.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Okay. I'd like to have a motion to grant these awards as stated by the motion.

MS. BAILEY: I make a motion that we approve this package.

MS. LITTLE: Second.

On the motion of Ms. Bailey, Seconded by Ms. Little it is voted to approve the distribution of funds.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: All in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: All opposed? It passes.

MR. PEROTTA: Next, Mr. Chairman, next up will be a letter which will be sent out instructing the awardees what their amount will be. For those who are in

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attendance we will be more than happy – I will be more than happy to – come up to me and we can go over that, and let the clerk’s go on their way and we can tell you what your award is. And, the letter will also instruct you as to what paperwork will need to be filled out etc. and then we’ll go from there.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: If you didn’t hear him he’s going to stay a little while you can meet with him, talk to him, be notified when you’re going to be getting your letter and how much money you were awarded today. Okay. Any other business?

MR. PEROTTA: No other business.

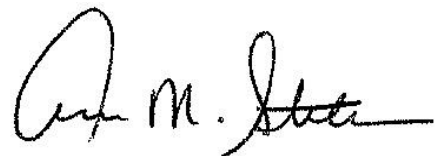
VICE-CHAIRMAN MONTAGUE: Can I have a motion for adjournment?

MS. BAILEY: A motion to adjourn.

MS. MITCHELL: Second.

ADJOURNMENT: On the motion of Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms.

Mitchell it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 o’clock P.M.



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