

**HRDC IX Board of Directors
Yellowstone Forever, Gardiner, MT
September 22, 2022 Meeting**

Members Present: Scott Malloy, Peter Schmidt, Bill Berg, Mitch Bradley, Scott MacFarland, Penelope Pierce, Amy Stix

Members Excused:, Linda Young, Gene Townsend, Kris Moos, Billie Warford, Bruce Grubbs

Staff Present: Heather Grenier, Mark Woodard, Tracy Menuetz, Margaret Mason,, Krista Dicomitis, Sara Savage

Guests: Members of Gardiner Community

I. Call to Order

The September 22, 2022 meeting of the Human Resource Development Council of District IX was called to order by Honorary Chairman Scott Malloy at 8:31 am

II. Public Comment

Bill Berg welcomed the Board to Gardiner, Montana, he provided some historical context on the building and the area. He expressed gratitude for the Board for coming to this community.

III. Consent Agenda

Scott Malloy reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda including the Minutes of the July 2022 meeting. Also included in the consent agenda were the department dashboards, budget to actuals and directors' report, and committees meeting minutes for the executive, audit and finance and nominating committees. The Early Childhood Education report was included in the consent agenda. The financial reports were also included in the consent agenda.

New Contracts including - Weatherization Assistance - Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance -LIHEAP, City of Bozeman - HRDC Community HOusing Program Services, Neighborhoodlift Homeownership Counseling Agreement

Mitch Bradley moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Peter Schmidt seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Strategic Plan Update

Krista provided a framework for HRDC's community needs assessment and strategic plan process, noting the three year cycle, as well as all the changes that have impacted our communities since the last needs assessment and strategic plan developed in 2019.

She updated the members about the current needs assessment process, including the distribution of a community survey as well as the outreach to key stakeholders to better understand the needs that have continued to be present in the past several assessments. Krista also spoke to the Management Action Plan, including the DEIA and service integration work, noting this plan is the internal companion to the strategic plan.

Krista asked members to support this effort by completing the survey. Members asked about opportunities to align our assessment process with local partners who engage in similar processes. Heather noted the efforts in place, as well as the challenges with aligning with partners with more prescribed assessments such as the hospital. Heather spoke to the efforts to track our impact on our communities through indicators over time, however she noted that those are from other data sources and not our own assessments. Efforts are in place on a statewide level.

Tracy provided an update on the UTD signature gathering process, noting that we have reached the halfway point. She noted that the effort to gather the remaining signatures will be challenging in continuous efforts. She noted that the door to door efforts will begin. Tracy noted that we have until December to collect the necessary signatures.

Heather also noted that the Community Commons also plays a large role in our strategic plan. Tracy noted that construction is now vertical for the development. Staff spoke to some of the additional costs associated with the development of the project. Contractors continue to think that the building will be done by this time next year.

Heather noted that the Housing Impact Fund is the other key initiative that supports the efforts identified in our current Strategic Plan. She spoke to previous projects that have been supported by this type of investing (Boulevards, Motel) and the benefit of this funding. She spoke to key partners who are leading efforts to establish this fund, with a million currently invested with a goal of ten million.

V. West Yellowstone Property Sale

Heather and Scott presented the information related to sale of the West Yellowstone property. They noted that there is not yet a purchase agreement ready, which normally triggers the board vote. They noted that the Audit and Finance Committee had already met and have recommended to the board to approve of this sale. Heather noted that if the board voted to approve the sale upon the receipt of the purchase agreement so as not to slow down the process. Heather spoke to the project and the ability of the school district to develop the property with the same intent and purpose as HRDC had intended. Heather also noted that HRDC's requirement would be that the school district would honor Pierre in some capacity. Members asked about the profit, Tracy noted that the project would recoup our costs and still accomplish the goals of the property.

Bill Berg moved to allow the Executive Committee to approve the sale of the property in West Yellowstone upon receipt of the purchase agreement. Penelope Pierce seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Strategic Development Session

Members engaged in a facilitated discussion to support the long term strategic direction of the program and tour of the Gardiner community.

The September 22nd, 2022 meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Scott Malloy, Chairman

Date
