

Chaffee County Community Foundation

**Board Meeting
June 22, 2020 ♦ 3 pm**

Participating Board Members via Zoom:

Paul Alexander
Merrell Bergin
Jordan Brown
Ed Cooper

Wendy Hall
Rick Hum
Megan Leesley
Dustin Nichols

Syd Schnurr
Kayce Penrod
Rachele Vierthaler
Exec Dir: Joseph Teipel

I. Call to Order and Approval of Consent Agenda

No revisions to the agenda. Consent items approved.

II. Executive Director's Report

Financials

- More than 12 months of operating funds in the bank but revenues are trending downward.
- Food Access Cohort – 9 groups approved for Cohort grants; kick-off meeting is June 29th.
- Declining number of new applications to the ERF. As support funds from other resources terminate there could be more calls for assistance.

Scenarios

- Keith has read the document and commented; nothing heard from the other two Commissioners.
- Data for the state shows COVID cases climbing.
- Suggestion that Joseph do public comment about CCCF updates during Salida Council sessions.
 - No compelling data that allows CCCF to push for additional contributions; no unmet needs at this point.
 - The ERF message can be diversified to relate to fire season. Joseph can revise the ERF message that it is a constant, strong fund for Chaffee residents for floods, fire, or whatever disaster may occur.

Housing

- Salida Adaptive Housing – had a successful meeting with the City's Planning staff; architectural revisions will go out for review and comment from City Fire and Public Works. The project is in the conceptual state. Becky Grant is organizing the public process to present to neighbors of the project. The first step is direct contact to adjacent neighbors that will be affected. Joseph's confidence level for this project is 80%.
- The BV Schools property – Urban Land Conservancy will be brought in to provide guidance from their experiences with these types of projects. The School District is enthusiastic about the project.

Food Coalition – 15 to 20 ppl RSVP'd for the kickoff meeting, then Guidestone is contracted to take that forward.

Pivot2020 – Emily Marquis continues to work on this project and she will be contacting all 150 NPOs to invite their participation. She will do a Call for Speakers, and ask for people to suggest others from their networks.

III. Scenario Planning

- The need for help is being felt to get the community involved and talking about ‘what ifs’. Could any Advisory Team people be pulled in. As always, the issue is managing & overseeing them.
- CCCF committees should define activities that Advisors could assist with, otherwise there is no jumping-off place.

IV. Other

1. The Executive Committee proposed Casey Martin for the Board. Casey’s résumé was distributed. Motion made and unanimous vote to invite Casey to join the Board.
2. Ed had a conversation with Wendell about CCCF’s BLM statement. Wendell is willing to have a discussion with the Board. Vote to schedule an ad hoc call with him; Board members want his insights.

VI. WeAreChaffee

If CCCF is going to take a public stand on issues, an action plan must follow; otherwise words are meaningless. The “Center for the Common Good” vernacular has been replaced by WeAreChaffee.

One idea is to have a professional facilitator and featured speakers, recorded, put on our blog. We need “archetypes” for who should be on the panel. The “crisis opportunity” / momentum is waning. The window for creating systemic change is very small so action has to be nimble.

- CCCF needs to have and model hard conversations.
- If we do this, there must be participation from law enforcement because they have a different perspective than we do.
- Question of whether to get other support, like the County? Go it alone or partner with an organization like FCRJ.

Syd recommended an organization called “Braver Angels” as facilitators or people who can guide us. [Note – I looked this up and provide this link: <https://braverangels.org/what-we-do/with-malice-toward-none/> - excellent mission and helpful]

Next meeting is July 27th.

Submitted by W. Hall 7/24/2020. Reviewed by ___EdC_____