

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2022

11:00 A.M. – 11:18 A.M.

REMOTE AND IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

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COUNCIL PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS STEADMAN (CHAIR), COUNCILMEMBER COX, AND COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, TABETHA RESTOULE

ACTION: APPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND KUNKEL

WASHINGTON CENTER APPLICATION

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: RECOMMEND TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PUGET SOUND NW HORIZONS BAND AND THE NISQUALLY DELTA ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF THE TWO AVAILABLE FREE DAYS AT THE WASHINGTON CENTER IN 2023

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KUNKEL AND COX.

The City has a contract with the Washington Center for two free days each year. The policy allocates one free day per year to non-profit organizations, and one for City-sponsored events. The City does not plan to use the free day in 2023, making two days available to non-profit agencies.

The deadline to submit an application to reserve the Washington Center was July 15, 2022.

Six applications were received: KDE Booster Club, The Olympia Peace Choir, South Puget Sound New Horizons Band, Capital Area Music Association, Providence St. Peter Hospital, and Nisqually Delta Association.

The Committee reviewed the applications and expressed support to forward two recommendations to the Full City Council.

SPIRIT OF LACEY AWARD

STAFF: SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER

ACTION: RECOMMEND RUTH WEIGELT FOR THE SPIRIT OF LACEY AWARD AND FORWARD TO THE FULL CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND KUNKEL

The Committee received a nomination to award Ruth Weigelt with the Spirit of Lacey Award.

Staff highlighted that Ruth Weigelt has made significant contributions to the betterment of the greater Lacey Community through her 35+ years of volunteerism.

The Spirit of Lacey Award is used to recognize individuals, organizations, and business who make significant contributions to the community. It is the highest award that the Lacey City Council can bestow to honor exceptional service to the community.