

# Local Option Tax Commission

## Minutes 5/27/14

Tuesday May 27, 2014; 5:30 pm; Sacajawea Center

Call to order: Robin Watkins at 5:45 pm

Members in attendance: Robin Watkins, Jim Bockelman, Rob Jackson, Lin Grey, Barbara Soper, Eric Bender, Mary Cerise

Absent: Craig McCallum, Jen Larson

Additions or corrections to agenda:

- Requests: Salmon Whitewater Park Association – Engineering Fees.....\$4000
- New Business:
  - Funding allowances: Funding Ceiling for events (groups that request more than they earn)
  - Camping: LOT funds for events that provide on-site camping

Monthly Review of Financials: Discussion of what funding is available for the rest of the fiscal year, several comments about being conservative with the funding this cycle.

Requests Presentations:

1) Calvary Chapel Salmon – Rock the River .....	\$7450
2) Salmon Valley Stewardship - Mountain Bike Trail Guide (re-print) .....	\$1500
3) Lemhi Youth Baseball – Max Hemmert All-star Tournament .....	\$4500
4) Salmon Whitewater Park Association – Engineering Fees.....	\$4000
	<u>\$17,450.00</u>

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Requests Review and Recommendations;
  - a. Discussion of what finding is actually available and how the LOT commission would like to proceed. Vote of 6-1 in favor of making funding recommendations to council.
  - b. Calvary Chapel Salmon: Rock the River \$7450
    - i. CCS is requesting funds for the first Rock the River (3 day, family event) for marketing, artist fees, rentals, etc. LOT is excited to see a new event in Salmon, some are concerned that the dates are the same time as Heritage Days, others feel it will be good.
    - ii. LOT Commission recommends that the City Council award the Calvary Chapel in Salmon \$3,850. Barbara Soper attends this church and did not vote.
  - c. Salmon Valley Stewardship - Mountain Bike Trail Guide (re-print) \$1500
    - i. LOT Commission had discussion of where this was funded in the past (through the ITC grant that is now funneled through LCEDA and currently unavailable for this project). 1,000 copies were distributed in less than one year. This is a tool to help visitors “stay and play” in Salmon.
    - ii. LOT Commission recommends that Council award SVS the full amount of \$1500 to re-print locally and include the LOT logo on the guides.
  - d. Lemhi Youth Baseball – Max Hemmert All-star Tournament \$4500
    - i. LYB is requesting funds for Baseball tournament which is already full (18 teams). The funding will help purchase awards, hire professional umpires, supplies and help keep the baseball field ready for the games as well as costs low for competitors.
    - ii. LOT Commission recommends that Council award LYB \$3450.

- e. Salmon Whitewater Park Association – Engineering Fees \$4000
  - i. SWPA requested funding to assist with their engineering plans. Total cost of engineering is approx. \$73,000, some of those engineering costs would be applied to the bridge over the Salmon River (Island Park) that has some structural issues.
  - ii. [LOT Commission recommends that Council award SWPA \\$3000.](#)
- 2. Steps to Change – LOT 2015
  - a. LOT Policy: Update (needs to reflect changes)
    - i. [Mary to update Policy and email to group for review](#)
  - b. Timeline: review schedule and implement additional meetings if necessary
    - i. [Discussion of special meeting/work session in November to evaluate and prepare for new funding cycle and training program.](#)
  - c. PR for LOT:
    - i. Article on upcoming changes (include VOV, radio ads, newspaper ads, Lemhi web)
    - ii. Article on past successes
    - iii. Introduction of new LOT members
      - 1. [Mary C to work on the articles and send to LOT commission prior to release.](#)
- 3. 2015 Budget development
  - a. [LOT approved draft budget for FY:2015 to be submitted to finance committee](#)
- 4. Funding allowances: Funding Ceiling for events (groups that request more than they earn)
  - a. [New funding structure will help this from happening in the future](#)
- 5. Camping: LOT funds for events that provide on-site camping
  - a. [New funding structure will provide scoring/rating scale that can reflect this.](#)

Public Comment: None

Round Table: None

Adjournment: 8:10