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Subject: Town Manager's Weekly Report (#35)
Attachments: PARTF Grant Letter.pdf

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended Friday, June 21, 2013.

- On Monday, I received correspondence from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR), Division of Parks & Recreation (copy attached) informing us that the Town of Dallas **Has received approval** for the Jagers Park Improvement project Grant we had applied for under the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) program. However, while approved, we remain one of 13 potential awardees (totaling \$2,362,361.00) awaiting allocation of the State's FY2012-13 Fourth Quarter Revenues, to determine whether or not they will have adequate monies to fund all 13. On a prioritized basis, we are near the last (at #12), so we won't know until later in August if we are funded for this year's round. If we are, the Grant is for \$63,858.00; which we will then match with local expenditures of at least \$63,858.00. You may recall that we have already budgeted in excess of \$38,000 in the Electric Budget for lighting improvements at Jagers Park, which (so long as we don't do them prior to Grant Award and release of Funds) can count toward our "local match". We will know wait to hear of final allocations in August.
- I contacted our Architect, Ellen Harris, who is working on the construction drawings for the Historic Courthouse Building renovation, to find out the status of her efforts and she has informed me that her firm is finalizing all documents and work product and should be complete next week in keeping with our desire to finish the work this Fiscal-year. Once we receive her finalized package of construction documents, we will then be in position to bid the work whenever we feel we have raised or identified adequate capital financing.
- As was discussed during our earlier Budget Work Session, we are using a portion of the funds allocated for Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) activities, to take out a one-page feature profile of the Town of Dallas in the soon-to-be -published Gaston County coffee-table book, "Common threads: Weaving Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow in Gaston County". After accounting for our 3% discount for paying up-front, our total cost will be \$3,346.50. We will have the ability to work individually with both the Author and photographer to determine and direct what the narrative will discuss and highlight, as well as what the photographs will depict. If you have ideas in this regard, please let me know.
- I met with Dr. Wallace this morning to go over the dates and times that her Youth Enrichment program, "Brilliant Minds" will be utilizing the Gym for athletic activities with participating youngsters. Specifically, beginning next week (June 24th), the Gym will be used Mondays through Thursdays, 12:00 Noon through 2:45 p.m., through Thursday, July 25th. Activities will conclude prior to August so no conflicts will arise when the floors are scheduled for resurfacing. Coach McDowell will be working with the children each day and will have the Gym opened and closed either by Anne Martin or by someone on duty at the Police Department. The proper insurance certificate has been provided with adequate limits of coverage.
- The Police Department, Electric, and Public Works will all have personnel on hand for Tomorrow's (Saturday, June 22nd) planned motorcycle show/St Jude's Fund-raiser at the Town square. We are not entirely sure what to expect as to size, turnout, or participation, but we are being appropriately pro-active in case it out-grows expectations. If it becomes clear the added employees are unnecessary, they will be sent home.
- Effective today (Friday, June 21st) we have received General Property and Liability insurance proposal/bids from both our existing carrier (Watson Insurance) and Brooks Insurance Agency of Dallas. We will now closely evaluate the two and make a final recommendation as to award (for the fiscal-year July 1, 2013 through June 30,

2014) at the July 9th Board meeting. Unfortunately, we did not receive these proposals in time to make the decision in June, in advance of the coverage expiration, so we will have to have the existing coverage carry-forward slightly awaiting a decision on the 9th. Both firms are well-respected and represent major national carriers. Each have the ability and capacity to provide the coverage. Watson has provided good service to-date. Brooks is seeking the Account for the first time. We will see what the results look like and offer an appropriate recommendation.

- Our Staff committee met on Thursday to evaluate the two (2) proposals received for the provision of design engineering and construction supervision services for the CDBG-Funded Waterline improvement project. The results of that effort revealed a unanimous recommendation that the firm of Engineering Services, of Garner, NC, be selected over the other proposing firm, Diamond Engineering, of Dallas. The combination of experience with CDBG-funded projects; overall firm capacity; and hourly-rates convinced our Group that we will be well-served by Engineering Services. We expect to bring a contract for approval at the July 9th Board meeting which will be in keeping with all federal requirements and our Budget.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick
Interim Town Manager



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Recreation

Pat McCrory, Governor

Lewis R. Ledford, Director

John E. Skvarla, III, Secretary

June 12, 2013

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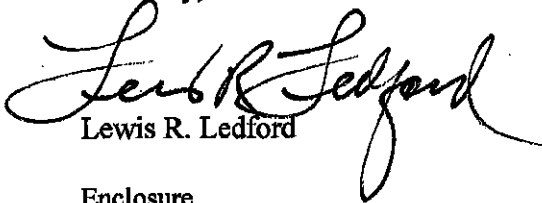
Dear Mr. Palenick:

Thank you for supporting the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and applying for a PARTF grant in 2013 for the Jagers Park Improvement project. The Parks and Recreation Authority evaluated 73 applications requesting more than \$20 million. To date, they have selected 14 grant recipients.

The Authority has also approved the allocation of revenue that will be received in the fourth quarter of FY 2012-13 to 2013 applicants. The Town of Dallas application is one of 13 applications that the Authority members recently voted to approve pending available funds. A list of the 13 applications, in rank order by the Authority's vote, is enclosed. The confirmation of the grant awards is planned for August after 4th quarter revenue has been reported.

If you have questions about your application, please contact John Poole at 919-707-9304 or john.poole@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,



Lewis R. Ledford

Enclosure

cc: William G. Ross Jr., Chairman, Parks and Recreation Authority
LuAnn Bryan, Recreation Resources Service Regional Consultant

**PARTF Grants Approved Pending Available Revenue
received 4th Quarter of FY 2012-2013**
May 10, 2013**

Rank	Applicant	County	Project	Amount Requested	Running Total
1	Whiteville	Columbus	Nolan Fitness & Recreation Park Complex	\$ 412,927	\$ 412,927
2	Castalia	Nash	Castalia Neighborhood Park	\$ 200,000	\$ 612,927
3	Flat Rock	Henderson	Flat Rock Park	\$ 475,000	\$ 1,087,927
4	Erwin	Harnett	W. N. Porter Park Improvements	\$ 123,635	\$ 1,211,562
5	Saratoga	Wilson	Saratoga Town Park - Phase III	\$ 21,765	\$ 1,233,327
6	Alexander	Alexander	Rock Face Park Phase 2	\$ 225,106	\$ 1,458,433
7	Sunset Beach	Brunswick	Sunset Beach Town Park	\$ 418,500	\$ 1,876,933
8	Wilmington	New Hanover	Park Avenue Greenway	\$ 151,600	\$ 2,028,533
9	Warren	Warren	Buck Spring Park	\$ 49,828	\$ 2,078,361
10	Hookerton	Greene	Caswell's Landing Nature Park	\$ 19,000	\$ 2,097,361
11	Elm City	Wilson	Elm City Park	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,392,361
12	Dallas	Gaston	Jaggers Park Improvement	\$ 63,858	\$ 2,456,219
13	Currituck	Currituck	Community Park	\$ 265,000	\$ 2,362,361

** PARTF grants will be awarded according to this ranking using PARTF revenue received during the fourth quarter of FY2012-13.