

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RAP ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Chairman Gary Sanders called the RAP Advisory Board to order at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Conference Room of the Washington County Administration Building, 197 E. Tabernacle St., St. George, UT 84770. Those in attendance were: RAP Advisory Board; Gary Sanders, Summer Robertson, Todd Jones, Douglas Caputo, Allison Hunt, Clyde Johnston, and Richard Kohler. Others in attendance included; Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, Internal Clerk/Auditor Trevor Coombs, County Administrator Dean Cox, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne W. Bentley.

**WELCOME: CHAIRMAN GARY SANDERS**

Chairman Gary Sanders welcomed everyone in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

**Motion:**       **Motion by Douglas Caputo to approve the minutes of September 29, 2015 as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Kohler and carried by a unanimous vote.**

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:**

This Board discussed the first ten (10) applications. There will be three (3) additional meetings to discuss the remaining applications. Chairman Gary Sanders explained that each application will need to be evaluated to determine which will be brought forward to the Commission for funding recommendations. Eventually, each Board member's application score will be translated into a dollar amount recommended based on several criteria.

Board member Clyde Johnston suggested weighing each application based on how well it was composed, the merit of the proposed project, and the requested amount. It was determined to create three (3) categories in which applications would be placed, which included: Yes; to be further considered in the final decisions, Maybe; the application has merit, but lacked certain other qualities, and No; the application will not be further evaluated for this year's funding.

**Dinosaur Ah! Torium Foundation**

The Board discussed the applicant's projects which included a mural, as well as a new walkway and lighting. Ultimately, the Board questioned the artistic merit of the outlined projects, but voted in favor of further considering the application.

**Southern Utah Heritage Choir**

The Board mentioned that the Choir involves the community and also many citizens in the community are members of the choir. They felt strongly that the overall merit is strong and voted in favor of further considering the application.

### Rogue Digital Film and Media Arts

Due to the fact that Rogue Digital Film and Media Arts falls under the umbrella of The DiFiore Center, which is also seeking funding, the Board did not feel strongly about further considering the application. The Board questioned the content and merit of the outlined project, and voted not to further consider the application.

### Utah Mural Arts Foundation

The Board discussed the outlined project which is to include five (5) murals. The Board agreed that the Mural Arts Foundation has a good impact on the community and is continuing to build St. George as an arts center. The Board voted in favor of further considering the application.

### Kayenta Arts Foundation

The Board was concerned with the amount of funding requested, but agreed that Kayenta is an important arts foundation and would like to see it succeed. They discussed the past success of the Street Painting Festival and determined that they would like to further consider the application, but at a lower amount of potential funding.

### Sing 2 Live

The Board mentioned that Sing 2 Live is a group where all singers are made to feel accepted and they are a great outlet for the underserved population. They questioned the overall content of the application but voted to further consider it.

### Sing 2 Live: Vaudeville Show

While this project falls under the Sing 2 Live application, it is an entirely different concept. The Board liked that this particular project will take place at the Electric Theatre, which is a great outlet for artist venues. There will be six (6) shows overall and the Board voted in favor of further considering the application.

### Santa Clara Historical Museum

There were several questions raised by the Board concerning the Museum's 501c3. The Board questioned why the Museum did not use Santa Clara City as a pass through and was concerned that the applicant did not fully understand the application process. However, the Museum was only asking for a small amount of funding, therefore, the

Board voted to further consider the application.

South West Symphony Orchestra

It was mentioned that the symphony has over 35 year of experience in putting on productions and it is a great opportunity for musicians in the community to be able to play. The Board had some concerns over what the requested funding would be used for, but felt strongly that the overall merit was good and voted in favor of further considering the application but at a lower amount of funding.

The DiFiore Center

The DiFiore Center Director is committed to building the arts in Southern Utah and creating opportunity for people. The Board questioned what the requested funds were to be used for and had concerns over the requested amount. Overall, the Board felt the merit was strong and voted in favor of further considering the application.

Once the ten (10) applications were reviewed, the Board discussed several options of dividing the funding. Some raised concerns with recommending only a portion of funding the applicants were requesting, expressing that it may not make much of a difference to the applicants, due to them not being able to fund the entire envisioned project. Others argued that most arts organizations are used to receiving nothing, so even a portion of funding would be a show of support.

Division of funding will be further discussed as the amount of applications begin to narrow down to those the Board feels strongly about.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next Scheduled RAP Meeting: November 17, 2015**

Having no other business, the RAP Advisory Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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CHEYENNE W. BENTLEY  
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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GARY SANDERS  
CHAIRMAN