



**OREM CARE COMMISSION
56 North State Street
Orem, Utah 84057
April 16, 2020**

5:30 PM REGULAR SESSION – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was recorded and conducted virtually on Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In attendance: Kena Mathews, Steven Downs, Jeff Lambson, Christine Alleman, Stacy Goulding, Denée Tyler, and Spencer Rands.

Steven Downs welcomed everyone.

Mr. Downs mentioned that there was some potential issues with CARE applicants who have events tied to Freedom Festival and other summer activities. Since the pandemic may lead to the cancellation of some of these activities, the applicants will need to be told that the City cannot pay for event costs for events that are not going to happen. The City may consider paying for storage costs, insurance, etc. if necessary for these applicants.

Mr. Downs also mentioned that it might be wise for the City to move CARE deliberations and approval from May/April to June due to the unpredictability of sales tax revenue due to the current Coronavirus crisis and not knowing how much funding will be available to allocate to CARE recipients. The current budget to allocate is \$70,000 for mini and mid-major grantees.

Minutes from the March 12, 2020 CARE Commission Meeting were unanimously approved. Denée Tyler made the motion, Spencer Rands seconded.

17:00 - Presentations were given by CARE applicants. The Commission asked questions from each of the applicants about their organizations and projects.

Representatives from Cries of Freedom presented. They are asking for \$4,999.00 to purchase digital microphones and packs and pay for a sound master and for storage fees.

Representatives from Utahns for Culture presented. They are asking for \$3,000 to pay for costs related to events held in Orem.

Representatives from the Orem Chorale presented. They are asking for \$4,999.00 to help pay the cost of salaries of their Music Director, Assistant Director, and Accompanist.

The Utah Wind Symphony did not show up to present.

A representative from Utah Theatre Bloggers presented. They are asking for \$765.00 to pay for the writing, editing, and publication of reviews.

The Commission took a short break

A representative from Utah Symphony and Opera presented. They are asking for \$9,999 to help pay costs related to upcoming shows at the Noorda Theater at UVU.

A representative from the Utah Baroque Ensemble presented. They are asking for \$6,610 to pay for musicians, buy music, pay for rehearsal and concert accompanist, and to defray administrative and operating costs.

Representatives from Grassroots Shakespeare presented. They are asking for \$9,670 for production and operation costs for shows in Orem.

Representatives from the Colonial Heritage Foundation presented. They are asking for \$9,999 for rental equipment, upkeep of period clothing, and for advertising and public relations.

2:19:30 - The Commission deliberated about several possible allocation scenarios but it was decided that Commission members would like to wait to make any final recommendations until they had a better idea on sales tax revenues, what true allocation numbers will be, and if the Freedom Festival was going to be cancelled. They also had some questions about some of the applicants.

Steven Downs thanked everyone for their service and will let the Commission know when the next meeting will be (mostly likely late May). He will also follow up on their questions about Freedom Vehicles and both Shakespeare organizations.

Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: May 21, 2020

Spencer Rands moved to approve the minutes. Christine Alleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

