

**Rivergrove City Council Meeting Minutes,
Meeting with Metro, July 25, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Note: Taken by Councilor Tuttle from his i-phone recording since the Zoom recording would not load

Call to order and attendance (Mayor, Councilors, and Guests)

Present were Mayor Williams, Council President Pierce, Councilors Barhyte, Tuttle and Lahsene.

City Manager (CM) Kibbey was present.

Guests not known

Metro personnel Antonia and MG

Metro Councilor District 2 Christine Lewis

The Metro presentation would not load, but the presentation material mostly comes from these websites:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/local-share> which has a Community Engagement Tool Kit and Community Engagement Guide.

The 2019 Bond measure provides opportunities for projects. Local share project categories are as follows: Natural area and park land acquisitions, fish and wildlife habitat restoration and habitat connectivity enhancements, new or improved access facilities at public parks and natural areas, new or improved local or regional trails and enhanced or new environmental educational facilities.

There are three overriding criteria for funding: racial equality, meaningful community engagement, and climate mitigation.

The City Manager will put this presentation on the website.

Council President Pierce has talked to Antonia about potential projects, including a nature playground. The nature playground as an example, seems like a good fit. He then asked about the concern that Metro grants have “strings” attached. Antonia stated that any grant will have an agreement before any money is transferred, and there is a template for that which can be shared.

Councilor Lahsene then had three questions: 1. Is there a matching requirement? Antonia said there is no specific matching requirement. 2. Do projects need to be design ready? Antonia said no, they get applications in all stages of development. 3. Does Metro help with permitting? No, permitting is up to the local jurisdiction.

Council President Pierce stated that maybe it was possible that Metro and Covid grants be used as a match for each other? He also said that City Council (CC) needs to look at the website be become familiar with the criteria and process. After that, we should have at least one workshop with Metro.

Councilor Lahsene then asked what happens if the jurisdiction abandons the project funded by the grant (e.g. dismantle a structure). The answer is that jurisdiction either replaces it on its' own or develops a project to mitigate it. Council President Pierce then stated that capital improvement projects usually are funded with a life of 20-25 years, and then there is no obligation to the funding source.

There was then discussion among Councilors and a public member about public input into the process. Metro prefers a "ground up" approach with the community guiding the process.

Councilor Tuttle moved, and Mayor Williams seconded a motion to adjourn. It was approved 5-0.