LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Report to the Board*

February 16, 2021

**Old Business**

Independent Salary Commission

Jody reported that it’s unclear whether the Salary Commission has been created this year. Although there is a perception that there is a ‘League’ seat on the commission, the ordinance does not specify such a seat.

**Reports**

Midtown Campus Project

Chris submitted a written report summarizing the special Governing Body meeting 1/28 where there was a unanimous decision to terminate the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with KDC/Cienda. The project team has committed to presenting options for going forward to the Governing Body on 2/24. Daniel Hernandez, the project manager, is scheduled to do a Lunch with a Leader meeting for the League on 3/24.

County

Judy said the County and the City have posted details on how the CARES funds were spent in calendar 2020.

SFPS

Mary Ellen planned to attend the 2/4 evening meeting which was later postponed to 2/8 due to technical difficulties. Mary Ellen submitted her report after that meeting.

**New Business**

Continuing our discussion in January and the discussion at the 1/27 Program Planning meeting about a possible study on capital outlays and/or bond issues, Renny, with Susan Haase, presented a list of three options for moving forward with the topic of bond issues.

Renny recommends holding off on a League study on capital outlays at this time because 1) ThinkNM did an extensive study of capital expenditures recently and 2) there are several pending bills re transparency on this subject. We can wait and see what happens this session.

The options presented (in brief) include:

1. Study the feasibility of standardizing criteria for judging worthiness of proposed bond issues
2. Study how other states include pros and cons for bond issues on ballots for possible adoption here
3. Prepare a pamphlet with the basics used by government and watchdog groups to evaluate the worthiness of proposed bond issues.

Renny and Susan will review their preliminary thoughts for presentation to the Board in February

**Special Projects Updates**

*Outreach* – League Libations are also back on 4th Thursday.

*Good Governance* – Jody reported no updates. This project appears to be a casualty of the pandemic.

*Civil Discourse* – Irene said the team will present its proposal re the City’s CHART project at the February Board meeting.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto

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