

ATTACHMENT #2

City – SSRC Negotiations February 16, 2021 5:30pm Notes

Attending: Steve Muntean (facilitator), Sarah Jones (SSRC), Gary Suiter (CoSS), Tom Leeson (CoSS), Kathi Meyer (CoSS), Roger Levanduski (SSRC), Heather Sloop (CoSS), Katie Brown (SSRC), Rob Perlman (SSRC)

Draft Purpose: To develop a win-win partnership which supports and funds innovative and comprehensive transportation solutions that benefit the City, our community and the resort.

1. **Introductions** – Each attendee introduced themselves. Kathi Meyer is standing in for Sonja Macys.
2. **Ground Rules** – Steve reviewed basic ground rules and goal of win-win partnership. He defined a win-win partnership as one in which both parties are satisfied and collaborate to create mutually beneficial results. Today the focus of the group's work needs to be on finding common ground to develop solutions that create a win-win partnership. Discussion of the new development or the application is considered ex parte communications and will not be allowed.
3. **Review and Alignment to the Purpose:** The group did not find consensus on the drafted Purpose of these negotiations. The group's lack of agreement included both the area of focus (current transportation needs vs innovative and comprehensive transportation solutions) and timeframe (short vs long-term). The City representatives stated a need for progress by March 16 for 2022 funding. The group agreed that some progress could be made by that date, but it was unlikely that negotiations would be complete.

Without alignment to the purpose, Heather proposed three options from the City, for SSRC funding:

- \$2M for 2022 SST funding
- Purchase of electric buses. Agree to long-term partnership of EV buses. These purchases would be eligible for Federal and State grant funding opportunities. SSRC would be responsible for all operation, maintenance and installation of charging stations for buses. SSRC would purchase EV buses as old transit buses are cycled out from lifespan/use. This would be budgeted through CIP process.
- The development of housing for bus drivers, ideally on city owned property. This would be an initial capital investment with no long-term costs to SSRC.

She stated that the City would like to identify a transportation funding solution without bringing an initiative to the 2021 ballot.

SSRC did not have a response to these options but emphasized their support to develop a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and innovative, future-planning transportation, as well as sustainable funding for both the City and the Steamboat Chamber with a bundled ballot initiative, as proposed by the Chamber earlier this month.

4. **Path Forward:** SSRC will respond to options provided by the City and propose their own options for discussion. CoSS to share meeting notes and recording of meeting with remaining City Council members and necessary CoSS staff.
5. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2021 at 5:30pm.