DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE MINUTES
PRESENTATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The Discretionary Fund Committee convened at 6:01 P.M. on the above date to conduct a Presentation Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, and via Zoom with Council Member Sue Sprinkle (Seat F) presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: Karen Blackburn, Seat A
Thomas Alexander, Seat B
Brenda Riley, Seat C
Traci Gatewood, Seat D
Victoria Dowling, Seat E

Also Present: Diana Hebel, Licensing Clerk / Cashier
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Jennifer Payan, Grants Administrator (remotely)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2026

Ms. Dowling, seconded by **Mr. Alexander**, moved to APPROVE the meeting minutes.

There being no objection, minutes were APPROVED.

PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS

Chair Sprinkle announced that Committee members are required to turn in their allocations to the finance department by 10:00 A.M., Friday, November 20th. She explained how the Committee will handle scoring for those members with a conflict of interest.

Applicants presented in the following order, and all presentations were made in person:

a) Alaska International Senior Games, Inc.
b) Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living
c) Festival Fairbanks
d) Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks
e) Tanana Yukon Historical Society
f) Fairbanks Concert Association
g) Kids Voting North Alaska
h) Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre
i) Tanana Valley State Fair Association
j) Alaska Songbird Institute

k) World Eskimo-Indian Olympics
l) World Ice Art Championships dba Ice Alaska
m) North Star Dance Foundation (dba) North Star Ballet
n) Fairbanks Community Band
o) Clay Street Cemetery (Commission)
p) Alaska Dog Mushers Association, LLC

At 7:26 p.m., **Chair Sprinkle** called for a 5-minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:31 p.m.

q) Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band
r) The Folk School
s) Midnight Sun Intertribal Powwow
t) Fairbanks Community Museum
u) Literacy Council of Alaska
v) Yukon Quest International, Ltd. (Yukon Quest Alaska)
w) Green Star of Interior Alaska (formerly Fairbanks Litter Patrol)
x) Fairbanks Drama Association & Fairbanks Children's Theater
y) Fairbanks Arts Association
z) Alaska Goldpanner Baseball, Inc.
aa) Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services
bb) Golden Heart Consulting
cc) Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival
dd) Fairbanks Queer Collective, Fiscally Sponsored by Native Movement
ee) University of Alaska Fairbanks – Festival of Native Arts

CHECK FOR ZERO ALLOCATIONS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Sprinkle called out applicant names one at a time and asked Committee members to indicate any zero allocations. The organizations that received three or more zero allocations and were removed from consideration were Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and Kids Voting North Alaska.

NEXT MEETING (DISTRIBUTION MEETING)

Chair Sprinkle announced the Distribution Meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sprinkle declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:46 P.M.

Sue Sprinkle, Chair

Diana Hebel, Licensing Clerk / Cashier

Transcribed by: DH