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### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 29, 2022  
10 a.m. - Noon

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#### LTAC Members:

- Steve Fields, Council Chair
- Dan Angellar
- Dave Norwood
- Latha Sambamurti
- Nancy Heard

#### City of Redmond Staff:

- Jackie Lalor, Seraphie Allen, Philly Marsh

#### Guests:

- Peter Klauser & Huso Paco, Bullseye Creative

#### Agenda:

1. [June 30 meeting minutes](#) approval - Action: Approved
2. General Committee Updates
  - a. Introduced new Economic Development Manager, Philly Marsh
  - b. Introduced new Planning Deputy Director, Seraphie Allen
  - c. Update on Melody Lanthorn's August 23 Council interview to fill the vacant hotelier position.
3. Fund Balance Overview
  - a. The lodging tax fund took a 66% decrease in 2020 due to covid and is still recovering.
  - b. Due to the lack of funds coming in over the past couple of years, the end fund balance has needed to be used and is currently at 800K.
  - c. Over the next few years with the estimates on incoming lodging fund tax still being down, we anticipate continuing to need to use the end-fund balance based on the current percentage split of the fund. The LTAC will need to explore some solutions to keep the end-fund balance in good standing for future years as we continue to navigate the pandemic recovery.
4. 2023 tourism grant review and recommendations
  - a. There were 18 applicants for 2023 grants.
  - b. Based on decreasing fund numbers from the pandemic, 150K was budgeted for grants this year.
  - c. 154K was recommended by staff and the LTAC for funding



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- d. One applicant was not recommended for funding based on the application being an event concept and not a thoroughly vetted or detailed event.
- e. Plenty of discussion was had related the current scoring and future fund planning.
- f. Action: The LTAC unanimously approved the fund recommendations as presented with no changes.