Strategic Partnership Grants Committee

Minutes

200 College St, Room 310
September 3, 2026, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Board members: Ann Flynn, Bing Owens (virtual), Charlie Beck, Dede Styles, Mark Mickey, Ray Hemachandra

Staff members: Rachael Sawyer, Samantha Kirk, Angelyn Johnson (virtual).

Opening Remarks

Ray Hemachandra called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Charlie Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2026. Ann Flynn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fall Gathering

The committee discussed the Fall Gathering. The event will be held November 5 from 1:00-2:30 pm in the ground floor conference room at 200 College Street. Free parking will be provided in the parking garage next door. Organizations will be asked to arrive between 12:30-1:00 pm for setup. Committee members, grantees, County management, County department heads and the current Commissioners will be invited.

There will be opening remarks by staff, a commissioner or the committee chair. Each grantee will have a station where they can share limited materials/brochures. Staff will gather photos from grantees and produce a sign for each grantee highlighting the funded project, and there will be a slide show with a slide dedicated to each project. Each organization will be asked to share remarks about their project, limited to no more than 2 minutes. There will only be one speaker per organization. The remainder of the meeting will be dedicated to networking.

There will be paper name tags for people to write their name. We will provide light refreshments. Committee members will assist with set-up and take-down.

When staff communicate with the organizations, they will provide information about building accessibility and parking.

Committee membership
There are currently three vacancies on the committee, plus Dede is resigning. There are currently four applicants, and the Board of Commissioners will be conducting interviews on September 15.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be October 1, 2026, from 1:00-2:30 pm at 200 College St, Room 310. The agenda will include welcoming new committee members and planning the FY28 funding cycle.

Adjournment
Ann Flynn made a motion to adjourn. Charlie Beck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.