

Notes: ARPA Public Hearing
October 20, 2021

Public Comment

Patrick Crosby, resident

1. >\$3M for roads and sidewalks
2. \$800K for Hands Up group home
 - a. 10 residents per home. \$500/month rent. 70% success rate

Linda Jones, Chamber of Commerce

1. \$100K for visitor information center in LPFD office
 - a. 0.5 FTE provided by LPFD
2. \$40K for shop local campaign delivered by Chamber, promote in-person shopping

Wesley Gemeinhardt, non-resident

1. Sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA ramps
2. Municipal broadband with low-income price structure

Nick Coelho, resident

1. Hands Up group home
2. Park improvements, signage for trails
3. Childcare subsidy
4. City Center park

Elizabeth Lumsford, resident

1. Revisit current budget, restructure to remove structural inequity, reduce police funding. Use volunteers to provide guidance
2. Increase access to internet
3. Create place(s) to gather
4. Create task force for oversight of use of ARPA funds
5. Avoid “savior complex” and seek sustainable solutions to social needs
6. Advance “media literacy” to increase societal awareness

Myra Rintamaki,

1. \$1.1-1.2 to create veterans hub for services and NW Veterans Museum.
2. Will submit costs.

Lisa Weber,

1. Make improvements to Scriber Lake Park trail.
2. Address conservation, climate change, and tree canopy.

Email from Chris Collier, Human Services Commission

Email from Kids in Transition

City Council comments/questions

Sessions	If rent assistance is offered, pay landlord
	Fund utilities
	Avoid duplication of services!
	Supports VIC
	Supports parks and gathering space(s) – City Center park with wifi
	Sponsorships for recreation center fees
	Adult education
	Supports veterans hub
Altamirano-Crosby	Education, see below
Frizzell	Fund adult education and provide financial incentive to participate
	Special hazard pay for essential City employees
	Wait for fund-raising initiative for Gold Star Memorial
	Need to do something for seniors
	Use scoring tool for evaluation of proposals
Ross	Avoid support that jeopardizes individuals’ eligibility for other services/benefits
Smith	Focus on individual and businesses impacted by COVID
	Seniors mobile home parks in need
	Seniors in single family residents in need
Decker	Emergent housing (?)
	Adult education
	Veterans
	Infrastructure, especially when benefiting low-income
Hurst	Use scoring tool
	Chris Collier’s revolving housing fund
	Childcare assistance
	Support businesses, buy local
	Gold Star Memorial

From 10/20/21 Agenda Packet

Council member Altamirano-Crosby:

- Scholarships to the rec center.
- More art classes at the rec center.
- More swim classes Scholarships at rec center
- Adult education.
- Edmonds College Scholarships
- Student musicians. Pay for rental of instruments or purchase instruments for low income kids. Would help kids in grade 5 and up. Would make it easier for kids to participate in music programs.
- Laptops for adult education so they can do their work.
- Buy the books for adult education. So expensive.
- 2 covid-resources coordinators ([navigators](#)) for human services

Council member Frizzell:

I would like to suggest that if we give individuals ARPA funds for rental or utility assistance we do that based on them taking a class to improve themselves to be paid for by ARPA funds.

- Classes could be ESL, Life Skills, Internet or other skill sets and we could negotiate costs and availability with educational providers such as Edmonds College, Leti, or Goodwill.
- Provided they attend and pass a class, they could be eligible for additional funds. In this way we are not giving money for people to stay in the same place they are, but actually giving them resources to change their living situation.

I would like to propose we compensate essential employees (not directors) that were required to work on site, or with the public, to a max of \$1,500 per person. Perhaps we can have Director Chin and Director Meyer weigh in as to the viability of this policy.

Council member Sessions:

I would like to see us use the ARPA funds for our Lynnwood small businesses to get back on their feet and use the money to pay landlord's of rental properties for loss of rent and to Lynnwood residents to pay specifically for their rent from 2020 and 2021 to present, maybe also include utilities pay back too (not moving costs or other costs associated with housing).