COUNCIL ARPA REVIEW COMMITTEE
October 22, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room, 4th Floor, Busch Municipal Building
840 Boonville Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Hardinger, Chair; Brandon Jenson; Monica Horton; and Callie Carroll.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager; Maurice S. Jones, Deputy City Manager; Chris Dunnaway, Principal Engineer; Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller; Jordan L. Paul, City Attorney; Melody Ownby, Financial Analyst; Paula Brookshire, Principal Engineer; Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement; Melissa Hart, Assistant Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement; and Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk.

GUEST: Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways; John Montgomery, Ozark Greenways; David Ketcher, Council of Churches; Travis Gathman, Crosslines Community Outreach; Shannon Terry, Crosslines Community Outreach; Audrey Garard, Crosslines Community Outreach; Major Amos Shiels, The Salvation Army; and Chris Burke, DeWitt and Associates.

Call to Order and Consideration of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Heather Hardinger, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted: Present: Brandon Jenson, Callie Carroll, Monica Horton, and Heather Hardinger. Absent: None.

Councilmember Carroll moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024, meeting as presented. Councilmember Horton seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carroll, Horton, Jenson, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Status Update
Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act funding. He noted the City received approximately $40.3 million in ARPA funding, and all funds had been allocated. The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on expenditures.

Approved by the Council ARPA Review
Committee on March 31, 2026

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, reviewed the ARPA tracking spreadsheet showing the status of each project. As of October 17, 2025, approximately 82 percent of the total allocation had been expended. She noted the presentation would focus on projects that remained active.

External Projects

Ozark Greenways Chadwick Flyer Trail Development
Ms. Vernon noted Ozark Greenways received $3 million. Approximately $1.2 million had been expended, with just over $1.7 million remaining; the contract spend deadline was September 15, 2026. John Montgomery, Frisco Highline Trail Manager at Ozark Greenways, reported the completion of a trailhead near Kissick Avenue and ongoing engineering between Kissick Avenue and Sunshine Street. Additional planning included a Nature Center Way connector and Lake Springfield bridge design. Mr. Montgomery expressed confidence in meeting expenditure deadlines and producing shovel-ready projects.

Salvation Army Non-Congregate Shelter
Ms. Vernon noted The Salvation Army received $1.8 million. Reimbursement requests totaling approximately $260,000 had been submitted at the time of the meeting. Major Amos Shiels reported that construction bidding was underway for the Harbor House relocation and expansion. He advised ARPA funds would be spent first. Major Shiels expressed confidence that construction would be completed prior to December 31, 2026.

Crosslines Community Outreach Congregate Shelter
Ms. Vernon advised Crosslines received $1.1 million. Construction began in July 2025, and the project was expected to be completed in spring 2026. Shannon Terry, Controller with Crosslines, noted construction costs exceeded original estimates, creating a funding gap. Ms. Terry advised the organization remained committed to completion within federal deadlines.

Restore SGF Operations Support
Ms. Vernon noted Restore SGF received $1 million for operational support, and approximately 75 percent had been expended for documented payroll and operating costs. Remaining funds were projected to be fully expended by mid spring 2026.

The Connecting Grounds
Ms. Vernon advised The Connecting Grounds had fully expended its allocation. A $5,001 overpayment due to administrative reconciliation was being returned to the City.

Lincoln Cemetery Maintenance
Ms. Vernon noted Lincoln Cemetery received $100,000, and approximately $89,000 had been expended to date. Remaining funds were anticipated to be used for fencing improvements and seasonal maintenance prior to deadline.

Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) Neighborhood Cleanups
Ms. Vernon advised CPO received $90,000 for neighborhood cleanups. She noted expenditures were ongoing, including expansion of services and a pilot bulky item curbside collection

program. She further noted the organization representatives had expressed confidence all funds would be expended by December 31, 2026.

Community Partnership of the Ozarks (SPO) Purpose Driven Day Center
Ms. Vernon noted CPO had been allocated $3 million for a Purpose Driven Day Center. Approximately 72 percent had been expended, and construction was nearing completion. She advised the March 31, 2026, contract spend date may require and administrative amendment to align with the federal December 31, 2026, deadline. Ms. Vernon noted organization representatives had indicated remaining funds would be expended on construction and capital improvements.

<u>**Internal Projects**</u>

Historic City Hall Renovation
Ms. Vernon advised of the $4.6 million allocation, approximately 81 percent had been expended. Staff reported ongoing construction and evaluation of potential scope adjustments due to unforeseen building conditions.

Art Museum Education Wing Renovation
Ms. Vernon noted of the $3 million allocation, approximately 93 percent had been expended, and the project was nearing completion.

Renew Jordan Creek Phase I
Ms. Vernon advised the City allocation of $500,000 was approximately 26 percent expended. Construction was nearly 50 percent complete. Staff expressed confidence all ARPA deadlines would be met.

Affordable Housing Home Ownership Program
Ms. Vernon noted of the $564,000 allocation, approximately $2,118 remained. The remaining balance was expected to be expended.

Completed Projects with Remaining Balances
Ms. Vernon noted the Fire Department decontamination stations and HUD Consolidated Plan for Fair Housing projects were completed under budget, leaving a combined balance of $2,118 available for potential reallocation to existing ARPA projects.

Future Meeting Schedule
The Committee discussed scheduling a first quarter 2026 meeting to review project status and determine whether reallocations are necessary. Staff confirmed contract date amendments may be handled administratively.

The consensus of the Committee was to schedule a late March 2026 meeting for follow-up review.

Adjournment
Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carroll, Jenson, Horton, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:47 p.m.

Prepared by
Julie Greer