



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEMBERS

Kristin Anderson
Nakia Barr
Jean Brisbo
Troy Fassbender
Jessica Flores
Carla McWherter
Andrew Quinn
Dana Watson

MINUTES

May 29, 2018 - 6:00 PM
Court Conference Room
101 Linden Street, First Floor

1) Opening A) Roll Call

Schlusler-Schmitt opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m. At the taking of the roll, Barr, Flores, Anderson, and McWherter were absent.

The committee then discussed New Business.

3) New Business A) Discussion of 2018-2019 CDBG Public Service Grant Applications & Final Funding Determinations

Schlusler-Schmitt said last Tuesday City Council made their final budget determinations. Because the City received \$52,395 more in CDBG funds than they anticipated, City Council asked that the Community Development Advisory Committee meet again and make a determination on how that money should be spent. She advised they can prioritize as they wish, or do a percentage of initial funding recommendations across the board. She said with the original \$355,300, City Council wanted to prioritize CDBG public infrastructure and allocated \$8,000 to Capital Area Housing Partnership, \$100,000 for neighborhood sidewalk repairs, and \$222,525 towards Section 108 payments for Avondale Square. She noted that Capital Area Housing Partnership will still have their carry-over funds. She said the staff allocation will stay at 20%.

Schlusler indicated that staff met and recommended that the agencies receive 85% of the CD Advisory Committee's initial funding recommendations minus \$40, split across the board (except for minus \$39 from Haven House).

Fehrenbach advised that the decision is the CD Advisory Committee's to make; they do not have to take staff's recommendation. City Council will take the committee's recommendation and act on it.

McWherter arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Members of the committee mentioned that they had a lot of discussion about their recommendations to City Council.

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Schlusler noted that these funds have to be spent next fiscal year, from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The total amount of funds HUD awarded was \$465,545 in total CDBG funding.

Some members of the committee discussed whether or not to give priority to EVE, Haven House and MSU Safe Place.

When asked about the City's priorities, Schlusler explained there is a five-year Consolidated Plan which we submit to HUD, and all of these agencies fit into the priorities. She said this committee prioritized emergency services. The Consolidated Plan lists as priorities housing initiatives, public infrastructure projects that benefit the good of the general public, and assistance for activities that support children's outreach, domestic abuse support, homeless assistance, legal services, and the elderly. She advised that all are eligible activities as long as they serve low to moderate income people.

Brisbo moved to recommend approval of staff's recommendations, which works out to 85% of what the CD Advisory Committee initially recommended, less \$40 (or in the case of Haven House, less \$39); McWherter seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Approval of Minutes
A) March 1, 2018

Quinn moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2018 as written; Fassbender seconded the motion. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Fehrenbach stated that the City is facing a serious budget situation. Schlusler said staff has been charged with presenting to City Council options on how we might approach this process next year. She asked committee members to call or e-mail their thoughts. She said if CDBG funds were to be just used for public infrastructure, we would have to amend the Consolidated Plan for HUD. She said the City Council wants to have a finalized process in place by early fall.

Schlusler advised that City Council will receive the committee's recommendations at their June 5th meeting.

4) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.