

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)
Tuesday, March 31, 2009

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:40 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, T. J. Gilmore presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

T.J. Gilmore, Chair
Tamela Bowie, Vice Chair
Barbara Judkins
Carol Rooney
Sunny Ugochukwu
Kevin Davis

Committee Members

Absent:

Mary Scruggs

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Andrea Rincón Selmon, Grants Specialist

Guests:

Items 1: The Chair T.J. Gilmore, called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum.

Item 2: The committee different approaches to consider in addition to the ranking of each proposal: the priority of each category; starting over or maintaining status quo funding as a base; whether to make room for new programs and/or reduce agencies with long histories of funding. There was not a consensus on any one approach. The committee discussed and suggested funding for each proposals working from the highest category need to the lowest. They did decide they wanted to fund Salvation Army for assistance to residents affected by the economy and OPM for youth crime prevention programs. The committee noted that full applications would be accepted again next year instead of renewals so they would have the opportunity to review performance. The committee worked through the proposals a second time to allocate cuts to develop a budget.

Item 3: Staff noted that HUD has not announced the City's official allocation. The budget worksheet is based on level funding from last year. It is expected to increase slightly. Category I projects will be presented at a later meeting. Kevin Davis made a motion to recommend the current draft budget (attached) for CDBG and City Funds to social service agencies understanding that adjustments will be needed when the City is notified of its allocation. Tamela Bowie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Staff reported that the City will receive an additional \$151,565 in CDBG funding from the Recovery Act. Staff is not recommending an application for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The City does not appear to have abandoned properties as a result of foreclosures and the use of funds is likely to overlap what is already being done with homebuyer funds. The Homebuyer program had four recent closing. The HOME program will be closed out after the state decides what corrective actions are required to two homes. The CAPER annual report was completed and is available and a copy of HUD's annual community assessment letter was in the committee's packet.

Item 5: With no further business to conduct, T. J. Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamey Kirby,

Grants Coordinator

T. J. Gilmore,

Committee Chair