

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:35 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
Sheena Jackson, Grants Specialist
David Stocks, Public Works Mgr.

Guests:

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

Item 2: Kevin Davis made a motion to accept the minutes from May 26. Carol Rooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Item 3: The 2009-2010 CDBG Category I (Bricks & Mortar) funding was announced as \$378,350, and the committee heard 5 proposals for funding consideration:

Jamey Kirby presented a request for \$140,000 to continue funding of the First-Time Homebuyer Program. Members were informed that the program continues to receive interest.

David Stocks requested that the committee consider funding additional improvements on Milton Street and/or Edwards after the Sanitary Sewer is completed. Several options were provided to address improvements including Option A: Asphalt Street Rehabilitation only, Option B: Concrete Street Rehabilitation on Edwards, and Option C: Curb and Gutter Construction on Milton and Asphalt Paving. David Stocks informed the committee that the preferred option would be Option C, which could be funded out as a multi-year project that would require funding commitment in at least one subsequent year. An engineering plan would be prepared in the first year to include feasibility.

Jamey Kirby presented a request for \$187,500 to fund a Housing Rehabilitation Program. Overall, the committee felt that funding was not sufficient to fully fund this program. Staff indicated that a successful program would need significant staff resources and might be worthwhile if funding was likely to continue year by year but would lose efficiency if funding was not sufficient or stable.

The committee in its last meeting heard a preliminary proposal request from Aids Services of North Texas. Mr. Kirby informed the committee that the agency did not intend to withdraw their application, but would proceed with their \$100,000 request to assist with land acquisition to house a new facility. The agency's final application packet was considered.

Andre Villarreal with Day Stay for Adults presented the committee with a request for \$50,000, which is in addition to the original \$50,000 awarded from the committee, to assist with rehabilitation of a facility for their operations. Carl Buck with Day Stay explained that the additional funds were needed to install a sprinkler and fire safety system in the building that city code requires. Concerns were raised with the agency not having additional funding sources available. In addition, in the previous award, a 25% match was required, but the agency has not yet applied to foundations.

After discussion, Barbara Judkins made a motion for funding proposed projects as follow: 1) First-Time Homebuyer Program at \$140,000, 2) Day Stay Adults Facility at \$40,000 with the requirement that agency seek and document other sources of funding requests prior to the release of City funds, 3) Aids Services of North Texas Capital Project at \$50,000, 4) Milton Street Improvements at \$148,350 to be appropriated to Option C as a multi-year project, and 5) Housing Rehabilitation at \$0. Carol Rooney seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Staff reported that there are several homebuyer applicants in the pipeline with approximately four closing expected by the end of July.

Item 5: With no further business to conduct, T.J. Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamey Kirby,

Grants Coordinator

T.J. Gilmore,

Committee Chair