

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:34 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room, Tamela Bowie presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

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

Committee Members

Absent:

Barbara Judkins
Leroy Vaughn

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Sheena Jackson, Grants Specialist

Guests:

Item 1: The Chair, Tamela Bowie, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and announced the presence of a quorum.

Item 2: T.J. Gilmore made a motion to accept the minutes from September 22nd with a grammatical correction. Carol Rooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Item 3: Staff presented additional information regarding the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program (FHAP) to facilitate discussion. An initial matrix of homebuyer programs provided a comparison basis. In addition, the committee reviewed second quarter 2009 sales and median sales prices of homes in Dallas-Fort Worth area. Lastly, the committee viewed an updated matrix of the settlement charges for ten FHAP closings.

Led by T.J. Gilmore, the committee suggested additional items for comparison and consideration that they would also like to review to better understand how the City's program compares to other programs. Staff agreed to do additional research and bring updates to subsequent meetings. Kevin Davis also suggested researching the potential and/or possibility of converting rental properties into for sale properties. With overall consensus from the committee on the direction for continued research, Tamela Bowie closed the discussion.

Item 4: The Committee scheduled its annual public hearings for Tuesday, November 24, 2009, and Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The November 24th meeting will be held at Lewisville City Hall. The December 1st meeting is tentatively set for Lakeland Elementary School. The public hearings give residents and community organizations an opportunity to suggest projects and influence City priorities for social service spending, housing programs, and neighborhood revitalization efforts.

The upcoming meetings will be announced in the Lewisville paper. In addition, committee members made several suggestions for additional avenues to reach the public including the City's website and television channel, flyers to be distributed through the schools, and door hangers to be placed on homes in the Target Reinvestment and Improvement Neighborhoods (TRAIN).

Item 5: The committee was provided with a spreadsheet detailing the social service agencies' 2009-2010 performance measurement goals, which were including in the contracts that the City Council approved on October 5, 2009.

Tamela Bowie reminded staff of efforts last year to develop a subcommittee to assist with monitoring and auditing of the social service agencies. Staff will revisit the possibility of continuing to develop this subcommittee.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Davis and seconded by T.J. Gilmore. The Chair, Tamela Bowie, adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena Jackson,

Grants Specialist

Tamela Bowie,

Committee Chair