

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:36 p.m. in the Family Room of Shepherd's House Church, Tamela Bowie presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Tamela Bowie, Chair
Kevin Davis, Vice Chair
T.J. Gilmore
Barbara Judkins
Sunny Ugochukwu
Leroy Vaughn

Committee Members

Absent:

Carol Rooney

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Sheena Jackson, Grants Specialist
David Stocks, Public Works Manager

Guests:

See Attached List

Item 1: The Chair, Tamela Bowie, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and announced the presence of a quorum.

Item 2: The Chair opened the public hearing with each committee member, staff, and council member present introducing themselves. After introductions, Jamey Kirby provided a brief overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and efforts to use funds in three Targeted Revitalization and Improvement Neighborhoods (TRAIN). The public hearing was being held in the Edna-Charles TRAIN to solicit input on neighborhood needs as well as the CDBG program as a whole. The Chair then opened the floor for citizen comments on issues/concerns.

Mr. Roach commented that Edwards Street was originally built with no curbs. As a result, water stands in many of the yards. Mrs. Roach added that their land had sunk due to drainage issues. Ms. Pannell noted that raw sewage stands in the front of some yards after it rains. David Stocks informed everyone that the sanitary sewer lines along Milton Street, north of Purnell, and Edwards Street, from Charles to Cowan, will be replaced. The estimated time frame for work to begin is February 2010. Then an engineering study will be conducted on Milton Street. Depending on the engineer study results and availability of funds, curb and gutter may be added to Milton. If curb and gutter are not added, the street will definitely be re-profiled to address the water issues.

In response to community/neighborhood needs, Ms. Williams stated there are safety concerns along Milton Street. She informed everyone that the stop sign at the intersection of Elm and Milton Street had been knocked down. In addition, cars park on both sides of Milton Street, which is already a narrow street. She expressed the need for additional lights to relieve safety concerns. Mr. Stocks informed everyone that if curbs are added, the street would be widened slightly. As far as lights, he stated he would review and determine if additional lights could be added. City ordinances dictate the number of feet required between lights. Another need expressed was to have streets swept to remove debris. Mr. Stocks told everyone that City streets are swept by a contractor once per year.

Jamey Kirby identified the social services agencies currently receiving funding. Residents did not communicate any particular social service needs. Communities in Schools of North Texas (CISNT) representatives, Marisa Harley and Bryan McCauley, stated their student population at Delay Middle

School is growing. Committee and residents were informed that students will soon be bused across town to another school. Residents felt that shelters for the children to wait under would be needed and were encouraged to communicate their suggestions to LISD.

Item 3: With no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by T.J. Gilmore and seconded by Kevin Davis. The Chair, Tamela Bowie, adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena Jackson,

Grants Specialist

Tamela Bowie,

Committee Chair