

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:32 p.m. in the Community Room of the Lewisville Municipal Annex, Kevin Davis presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Kevin Davis, Chair
Leroy Vaughn, Vice Chair
Barbara Carey
Sarah McLain
Carol Rooney

Committee Members

Absent:

Tamela Bowie
Sunny Ugochukwu

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Sheena Jackson, Grants Specialist
Skylar Wilk, Grants Intern

Item 1: The Chair, Kevin Davis, called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum at 6:32 p.m.

Item 2: Kevin Davis told Sheena Jackson that the minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting showed that many votes were recorded as four to zero when five committee members attended the meeting. She responded that Leroy Vaughn, who was acting as Chair, abstained from the vote on several items, and the minutes will be amended to note the inconsistency. Kevin Davis made a motion to accept the amended minutes from September 21, 2010. Carol Rooney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: The advisory board and staff introduced themselves. Sheena Jackson gave an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Chair opened a public hearing for the purpose of accepting input from residents. Pam Burns, a volunteer from TARMAC (Take Action Reintegrate and Make A Change), told the committee that there is a need for a Boys and Girls Club in Lewisville because when the teens in the TARMAC program finish probation they want to continue with a mentor program, but are not allowed to stay in TARMAC. Kevin Davis told Ms. Burns that the committee wants a Boys and Girls Club in Lewisville, but they were not able to award them the full amount of money they needed to purchase a building. Erin Strain, executive director from Day Stay for Adults, thanked the committee and the City for funding the organization with the CDBG program and reported that the new facility has served 54 clients so far. Van Par and Sandy Hennip, of Catholic Charities, shared the needs of the Chin refugees including dental care, ESL classes, language translation, low income housing, and discount medical care. Chan Maung, a member of the Chin community, furthered these concerns with an emphasis on the immediate need for Adult ESL classes, Hakha-Chin interpretation services, driving instruction in Hakha-Chin, and affordable daycare services. He also articulated that the Chin population in Lewisville wants to create the Lewisville Chin Development Association. Rita Williams, a resident at Milton Street, expressed the need for street, curb, and gutter improvements on Milton Street. Jamey Kirby informed her that Milton Street will be repaved from Purnell to Main Street, and the sewer line will be

replaced from Edwards to Elm Street, but curb and gutter would not be completed in the project. The city engineer informed staff that in order to achieve significant drainage improvements on Milton Street that the street would need to be re-designed which would be very costly and beyond the scope of CDBG funding. Gabriela Broome, from the Salvation Army, stated that homelessness is a growing in Lewisville. The new kitchen at Salvation Army is open for lunch on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They opened on November 1 and within the first two weeks of opening they had served 240 meals. The day of the public hearing November 16, Salvation Army served 62 meals.

Item 4: With no further business to conduct, the Chair, Kevin Davis, adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena Jackson,

Grants Specialist

Kevin Davis,

Committee Chair