

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDBGAC)



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PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee convened at 6:45 p.m. at the Community Development Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall, Audra Smolinski presiding.

Committee Members

Present:

Audra Smolinski, Vice Chair
Traci Logue
Chris Crawford
Jim Meyer

Committee Members

Absent:

Jim Mustain, Chair
Eric Page
Deniese Sheppard

Staff Members

Present:

Jamey Kirby, Grants Coordinator
Tiffini Hackett, Grants Specialist
Johnny Ellezy, Grants Intern

Guests: See attached sign-in sheet

Item 1: Audra Smolinski called the meeting to order in the presence of a quorum at 6:35.

Item 2 Public Hearing: Jamey Kirby gave an overview and explained how CDBG funds are allocated. Mr. Kirby also shared the application process. Debbie Jenson from CASA Denton County explained the work that CASA does in Denton County and shared that there are not enough foster homes in Denton County, so kids get sent all over the state. CASA served 160-180 Lewisville kids this year and have been able to pay for staff with the help of Lewisville CDBG funds.

Nessa Reid from MHMR is looking to expand their Connection program to individuals do not have mental health issues, and their supportive housing grant which is currently enough for 20 people but they are serving 21 plus a family.

Ms. Smolinski asked about trends amongst social service agencies.

Katie Clifford from Communities in Schools North Texas (CISNT) stated that there are not really trends but there are continued needs. CISNT started working in 2 new schools and 1 full time. They also opened in Mill street elementary school. The dropout rate is steadily growing in LISD with 63% of students at risk of dropping out in the central Lewisville area. Hendricks elementary closed and the students have entered new campuses.

Ms. Smolinski asked if CISNT can fill the void left by the Boys and Girls Club and CHIN ministries being gone.

Ms. Clifford shares that CISNT already receives a grant to fund after school programs 5 days a week and 6 weeks during the summer. Southridge elementary has 97 homeless students (15% of their enrollment). Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) central Zone has 38% English language learners.

Ms. Reid explained that there are high numbers of mental health issues across the district and they are growing so MHMR is looking to expand mental health services.

Ms. Jenson shared a positive note about the City of Lewisville being a great place for volunteers.

Ms. Smolinski summarized the public comments and wrapped up the comment portion of the hearing.

Mr. Kirby asked agencies and public to answer questions about what they want to see in the next planning stages. Tiffani Hackett invited agencies to come give input for 2035 planning.

Item 3: Jim Meyers moved to adjourn and Mr. Crawford seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned 7:05



Tiffani Hackett

Grants Specialist



Audra Smolinski

Committee Vice-Chair

