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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

5:30 PM

Madison Municipal Building
Room 300

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer Stoiber

Paul Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: 7 -

Denise DeMarb; Felicitus Ferington; Patricia A. Lasky; Mary C. Vasquez;
Kim Genich; Jean M. MacCubbin and Paul J. Van Rooy

Absent: 3 -

Lisa Subeck; Alan M. Sweet and Michelle L. Michalak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jean MacCubbin, seconded by Kim Genich to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2013 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dondenita Fleary Simmons from the Goodman Community Center spoke in favor of the youth employment expansion. They serve about 125 teens in high school. They are mostly from the immediate community area, and their targeted high school is East High School. They have many teens on the waiting lists for their employment programs.

Greg Markle from Operation Fresh Start spoke in favor of the youth employment expansion. Operation Fresh Start's vision for Dane County is that all disconnected youth receive employment training and opportunities to move forward. Their new program, Options, engages youth who are not planning on finishing high school. They discuss options for moving forward and help the teens engage in those options. Funding will give OFS the ability to engage the youth right away this summer, and not have to wait for programs to begin in the fall. It will fill a gap in keeping kids engaged and moving forward.

Greg also stated that OFS has construction employment programs for youth. He would like their program to be involved in the remodeling at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

Aron Peterson from Common Wealth Development spoke in favor of the youth employment expansion resolution. Common Wealth is looking forward to working with an additional 15 youth this summer. He described their program and how they get kids ready for the workforce, then place students in local businesses. They currently have 135 slots and 400 teens applied.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [29835](#) New Alder Appointment and Welcome

The committee introduced themselves to Alder Denise DeMarb.

2. [29756](#) AMENDED Authorizing the City of Madison, through the Community Development Division, to amend various purchase of service contracts for the expansion of a youth employment initiatives to be implemented in June 2013 and amending the City operating budget as appropriate.

Attachments: [Youth Employment Summary.pdf](#)
[Version 1.pdf](#)
[29756 Registrations.pdf](#)

Mary O'Donnell discussed the resolution to amend the purchase of service contracts for the expansion of youth employment initiatives for the summer. This action will add 100 jobs over the summer. This is one-time funding. Mary provided a handout summarizing what proposed expansion will provide. The amounts proposed for each agency came from her contacting the agencies and asking them what they could realistically do in such a short period of time and what it would cost.

A motion was made by Lasky, seconded by DeMarb, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [29836](#) Update on Meadowood Community Center

Jim O'Keefe updated the committee on plans for the Meadowood Community Center. A resolution was introduced at Council last night to enter into a sole source contract for the design work on the community center and library expansion. This resolution does not need to come before this committee. When the contract is executed, it will kick of a three month process of gathering neighborhood input. The plans should be drawn up by July, followed by bidding to be involved in the project. Planned occupancy date is January 1, 2014. Common Council also approved the resolution to enter into new 10 year leases. MSCR has committed to not seeking more money from the City for expanded programming for the Center. They will get the money from other sources.

4. [29838](#) Theresa Terrace Update

Jim O'Keefe reported that the City is now in possession of the duplex on Theresa Terrace. We are embarking on a 1.5 month public input process about what the needs are and to expand the circle of friends to assist the neighborhood center. There will be 6-9 house meetings, then they will come together to establish priorities. This process should conclude by mid May. Rennovations will commence in early summer. Jim discussed how the neighborhood center will be funded through 2014. Since the neighborhood

center will not be ready for summer, staff is discussing with Falk School and Wisconsin Youth Company, options for summer programs for the neighborhood children.

5. [29552](#)

Committee Reports

Fay Ferington reported that the Committee on Aging will be meeting next Wednesday, April 24.

Pat Lasky reported for the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee. The focus of their April meeting was feedback from the Child Care Forum they held in March. The continuing shift of economic pressure is putting a strain on child care agencies. She discussed the difficulties with an attendance based reimbursement system, and the problems agencies have getting copays from parents. The committee has sent a letter to the Joint Committee on Finance urging them to look at the attendance based reimbursement policy and to reconsider penalties for two star centers.

6. [29837](#)

Staff Report

- Youth Resources Outreach Worker Hire
- MAP Update

Mary O'Donnell reported that Community Development Division has hired at .6 FTE Youth Resources Outreach Worker position. Jennifer Lord will start work on Monday, April 29th. She will begin by focusing on the Northside and Brentwood neighborhood, trying to connect youth with programs in the area. The long term duties will include the City-wide Out-of-School-Time project, which is in partnership with the school district, county, and providers.

Laura Noel reported that TJ's Support Brokerage MAP program has a completed contract and are moving forward with the program.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Jean MacCubbin to adjourn at 6:17 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.