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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

5:30 PM

Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin
2720 Rimrock Road

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Lorri Wendorf-Corrigan, Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer Stoiber

Paul Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Present: 7 - Denise DeMarb; Lisa Subeck; Patricia A. Lasky; LaShana M. Miller; Bridget D. Rogers; Michelle L. Michalak and Paul J. Van Rooy

Absent: 3 - Felicitus Ferington; Kim Genich and Jean M. MacCubbin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Shelle Michalak, seconded by Lisa Subeck to approve the minutes from June 25, 2014. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stevens the executive director of Wisconsin Youth Company requested that she speak when the committee takes up agenda item #2. The committee agreed, so she spoke after the tour of Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Youth Company is located adjacent to the property in question. WYC serves mostly kindergarten through fifth graders, and middle school children. They have a small high school program. They would be delighted to see the City purchase the Griff's property, and use it for a teen and adult employment center. She would like to see a program similar to Goodman's Ironworks Cafe program, and believes this would be compatible with WYC. There is a large need in the community for high schoolers, especially employment programs. Teens want to earn money, and need to learn the necessary skills to get and keep a job. Wisconsin Youth Company would not be interested in running this center, but would be excited to collaborate with another agency in fulfilling the needs of the neighborhood.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [34888](#) Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin: Presentation and Tour of the New Facility

Hugh Wing and Jeanne Schneider gave an overview of the programs at Youth

Services of Southern Wisconsin. Hugh is the youth job center coordinator where they train at-risk youth to find employment. This summer they have 72 youth working. He discussed the different employment programs. There is a great need for youth employment. For those 72 slots, they received 224 applications.

Jeanne Schneider is the program coordinator for Briar Patch. They help any teen under 18 and their families deal with any issues they may have. All of their services are free. She discussed the different teen programs available at the center. The goal of Briar Patch is to make sure kids have a safe, stable place to stay.

Jeanne and Hugh gave the committee members a tour of their 8 bed shelter facility.

2. [34536](#)

Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Wingham-Kai Anthony Cheung for the City's acquisition of a commercial property located at 1233 McKenna Boulevard for a neighborhood center and an amendment to the 2014 Capital Budget to fund the acquisition.

Attachments: [1233 McKenna Blvd pdf exhibit b.pdf](#)

Jim O'Keefe discussed the resolution before the committee. Questions arose at Board of Estimates about the wisdom of purchasing a building for a neighborhood center when Wisconsin Youth Company is right next door. Due to an administrative error, the Neighborhood Center Report is not on tonight's agenda, but everyone has seen the report. There are some suggestions in the report on how to decide where to establish a new center. There needs to be evidence of a need in the neighborhood. As Kay Stevens and staff have discussed, there is clearly a need in this area. Wisconsin Youth Company, Meadowood Community Center and the future Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center focus almost entirely on children, so all needs in the neighborhood are not being met. It seems that a teen and adult center will compliment the established programs in the neighborhood. We can design it to fill in the gaps in service. The report also recommends taking advantage of opportunities when they present themselves. If a property that is desirable for a neighborhood center becomes available, we should jump on it. The property is in a good location, and it already has a commercial kitchen. This opportunity makes sense.

A motion was made by Lisa Subeck, seconded by Pat Lasky to recommend the purchase of 1233 McKenna Blvd. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [34250](#)

Committee Reports
-Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
-Committee on Aging

None.

4. [34249](#)

Staff Report

Laura Noel reported that there will be another round of Emerging Neighborhood Program funds distributed. The application will be posted on August 8 and due August 29. An email will go out tomorrow announcing this. There has been some confusion regarding the role of a fiscal agent. We will be

providing more information about this, so agencies know what it means to have a fiscal agent or be a fiscal agent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lisa Subeck, seconded by Pat Lasky to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.