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Meeting Minutes - Approved EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION BOARD

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

8:00 AM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Lynn E. Edlefson; Joanna R. Parker; Brenda K. Konkel; Kathleen B. Raschke; Michael B. Jacob; Patricia A. Lasky; Richard C. Schultz and Joanne E. Brown

Excused: 2 -

Bev A. Willer and Tracy K. Kuczenski

Staff: Enis Ragland, Jolene Ibeling, Monica Host, Lorri Wendorf

Brown called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Raschke to approve the minutes from the July 23 Public Hearing. Konkel seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION by Raschke to approve the minutes from the July 23 regular meeting. Schultz seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [11757](#) 2008 Community Resources Funding Reallocation of \$30,101

Staff provided Board the funding history of the Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Center and distributed a handout to the group.

Staff provided update to Board regarding recent Great Gray Neighborhood meeting with the Mayor, Joel Plant, school principals, United Way, CDA, OCS,

CDBG, Police, Dane County and other community members with tasks being delegated to those in attendance.

Staff provided Board with description of geography of and issues in Great Gray neighborhood. There were 81 police calls to that neighborhood so far this year. Property owners are not screening tenants and the lack of transportation is leading to emerging problematic issues. There are currently 25 kids in the neighborhood that attend Glendale school and are directly affected by the problems within the neighborhood.

Mickey Buhl, Principal of Glendale School and Tom Solyst were present to answer questions of the Board. They provided comparison to the Board between Bridge Lakepoint Wauona neighborhood and Great Gray, pointing out similarities and differences.

Staff inquired if other funding sources for 2008 could be carried over to 2009. Solyst stated that if they receive funding from OCS for 2008 programs they would attempt to carry over funding from other sources to cover 2009.

Staff explained the three options for reallocating the funds and distributed a hand out discussing the following:

- The board could reallocate the funds to similar services or different services. An Alder would need to sponsor a resolution authorizing a contract with the chosen agency/agencies and would require a Council vote.
- The Board could solicit applications for a focused service. Proposals would be considered by the Board. An Alder would need to sponsor a resolution authorizing a contract with the chosen agency/agencies and would require a Council vote.
- OCS Supervisor may transfer the entire \$30,101, administratively, within the Purchase of Service (Community Resources) budget line item.

OCS staff recommend that the OCS Supervisor transfers \$25,101, administratively, with Board approval, to the OCS Child Care Assistance budget line to be designated for Stabilization Funding for eligible, City accredited, non-profit childcare programs serving low-income children in South West Madison. Child Care Unit Staff will determine eligibility and allocation using existing Stabilization Funding guidelines.

The staff also recommends making \$5,000 available to address emerging youth community service needs in the Great Gray Drive area.

Staff explained there are three centers in South West Madison that provide infant toddler care: Animal Crackers, Great Beginnings and CDI that could use the stabilization funds. The staff recommendation was to keep the funds in the infant/toddler care area in the south West neighborhood because that is what the Board initially discussed when the announcement regarding closure of the DCPC Wexford Family Center was made.

Lasky inquired as to how the recommended \$5,000/\$25,000 breakdown came into play. Staff explained that the Comptroller's Office informed OCS they could only transfer \$25,000 in Community Resources funds administratively.

Edlefson pointed out that child care programs have no other funding options.

Raschke asked if \$5,00 is enough to make a difference? Solyst said \$40,000 plus would be needed to fund the proposed program for a full year. With the \$5,000 seed money it would be easier to leverage more funds.

Lasky asked about the emerging neighborhood committee allocation. Wendorf explained that \$50,000 would be coming back from Meadowood Center since they cannot do the project they originally planned.

MOTION by Lasky to transfer 20,101 to OCS Childcare Assistance for stabilization funding and \$10,000 to Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Center for Great Gray Neighborhood services. Parker seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Buhl thanked the group for their assistance and support.

2. [11758](#) ECCEB letter to Mayor regarding budget - Joanne Brown

Brown briefly discussed the letter she sent to the Mayor regarding funding.

3. [11759](#) 2009 Budget Update - Enis Ragland

Ragland asked Konkel to share budget updates. Konkel stated the Mayor has the Capital budget finished but the alders have not yet seen it yet. There is \$6.3 million difference between keeping services the way they are and the budget. There is a 4% tax levy. Sixty-eight percent of the budget is salaries. Many of these are union contracts that are negotiated at different times. No new services or positions can be added without cutting current funding.

Mayor volunteered to cut his own emerging neighborhood program in an effort to save money. Lasky and Edlefson explained that the emerging neighborhood fund began with \$200,000 and was cut to \$50,000. The committee attempted a new process to distribute the money this year.

Parker inquired about an article in the newspaper discussing a cut to the child care tuition assistance program? Staff explained that a cut to this program was submitted to the Mayor as a 5% contingency cut plan in hopes that it would be restored.

4. [11762](#) ECCEB Subcommittee

The ECCEB Subcommittee will consist of Schultz, Lasky and Raschke.

MOTION by Raschke to give the subcommittee the authority to act on behalf of the Board and requiring the subcommittee to add to the subcommittee any other ECCEB members who attend the September 24 meeting. Lasky seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcements:

Goodman Atwood Community Center will have its Open House September 27 from 12-4.

Lussier Community Education Center is now closed and will be moving to its new center with and Open House in October.

MOTION by Lasky to adjourn the meeting. Raschke seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.