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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Deon Carruthers, Tariq Saqqaf.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: 8 - Shiva Bidar; Donna C. Bryant; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; LaShana M. Miller; Bridget D. Rogers; Jean M. MacCubbin; Monica L. Sundal and Consuelo Lopez

Absent: 1 - Kim Genich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Mykenzie Lemberger to approve the minutes from July 25, 2018.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexis London from Bayview Community Center thanked the staff, review committee, and CSC for reviewing all of the applications and recommending them for funding. They would like to advocate for increasing funding in this area in the future. It is the change the City needs, it is the future. She will continue to advocate for increasing funding, but is able to work with the money offered in the review committee recommendations.

Sabrina Madison from Progress Center for Black Women described leadership in the community and how her leadership has influenced change in the community. With the reduced funding suggested, she went to her partners and asked if they would still be able to assist in the program. They are all in. People participating in her program will be in the City of Madison and will happen at different Madison locations. She is hoping to have a working desk at locations in different points in the City.

Taylor Kilgore from Simpson Street Free Press (SSFP) described working with SSFP as a student and as an adult. They want to collaborate, more funding and to be recognized as a neighborhood center.

Diane Small from the Simpson Street neighborhood feels they need the Simpson Street Free Press center. She worked with the Bridge Lake Point Waunona neighborhood center and SSFP. She wants children involved in their education. Ms. Small organizes the Simpson Street Annual Reunion has gone on for nine years. She would like money to go to SSFP.

James Kramer believes the recommendation from the review committee is flawed. Community Development Division staff cannot make public policy. Simpson Street Free Press has begged to work with Vera Court and the Bridge Lake Point Waunona neighborhood center. Wants CDD to foster cooperation between the two organizations. The committee should consider tabling the recommendation for Vera Court Neighborhood Center. He supports the other two recommendations, but not the Vera Court recommendation. Mr. Kramer confirmed that Simpson Street Free Press did not submit an application for Community Building and Engagement funding.

Jule Adams is a parent of a Simpson Street Free Press member and would like SSFP to get money. She described her experience with her children in Simpson Street Free Press.

Sadaya Kilfoy Flores, Alix Shabazz and Paul Terranova from Lussier Community Education Center spoke in support of the Community Services Committee advocating for more funding in the Community Building and Engagement area. Ms. Kilfoy Flores described her experience with Neighborhood Organizing Institute. They need help with sustainability and longevity, and access to funding. These funding recommendations should be tabled and someone should take a look at who has access to this pot of money and how much is in the pot. Ms. Shabazz is one of the co-coordinators of the Neighborhood Organizing Institute program. She would like the committee to advocate for more money in the pot. If money gets added, then consider giving it to NOI. She highlighted victories of the neighborhood organizers. Mr. Terranova added that this kind of funding is ahead of the curve. This is the work that has an impact on crime. This kind of funding has to be long term, it has to be an investment. It's time the City invested in these three year programs, and thinks the City can find more money.

Sarah Ureche and Cristian Cruz from Simpson Street Free Press described their experience at SSFP.

Linda Hoskin understands that Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center needs help too, but other programs need help also. She thinks the funding for BLPW should be tabled and wants the committee to find SSFP some money.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [52822](#) Discussion and Recommendations for Allocation of Funds for Community Building and Engagement

Attachments:

[CBE 2018-19 Recommendations Review Committee.pdf](#)
[Bayview Application_final.pdf](#)
[Centro Application.pdf](#)
[Kids Forward App.pdf](#)
[Lussier Application.pdf](#)
[Nehemiah App.pdf](#)
[Opportunity Inc Application.pdf](#)
[Progress Center App.pdf](#)
[Unify Application.pdf](#)
[Vera Court BLW Application.pdf](#)
[BayviewScore.pdf](#)
[CentroHispanoScore.pdf](#)
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Jim O'Keefe gave the history of Community Building and Engagement (CBE) funding. The funding has straddled fiscal years in the past. Lussier Community Education Center and Centro Hispano were awarded funding. It was our understanding that it would be short-term funding, but we continued to allocate the funding to Lussier and Centro. However, it continued to straddle the years. In 2016 Finance made it clear that the practice of straddling fiscal years has to stop. We developed a new RFP process, but it was too late for agencies to use the funds by the end of 2018. We decided to allocate funds for 2019 with this RFP process and let anyone that can use some of the 2018 funds to request money, as long as it can be used by the end of 2018. The money left over will go back to the City's general fund. Nothing prevents us from giving Lussier and Centro 2018 funds to extend their contract to the end of 2018, but they will not be able to run a new cohort. Will we get something of substance for the money?

CDD did not do a supplemental request for additional funds in 2019. We were told to submit a budget request with flat funding, so we requested \$100,000. We have an additional \$7000 from the defunct Eastside Planning Council allocation.

The committee is able to request we give the 2018 funds to those that requested 2018 funds in their application. The committee discussed extending the Lussier and Centro contracts to the end of 2018.

A motion was made by Consuelo Lopez Springfield, seconded by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff to recommend funding to Lussier Community Education Center's Neighborhood Organizing Institute and Centro Hispano's Programa Bienestar in 2018 if they can utilize three months of prorated funds to extend their current contracts to December 31, 2018, as negotiated by staff.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Deon Carruthers discussed the current funding process. We began in May and received feedback from Alders, UW Extension, non-profits, the committee, etc. The application was posted June 8, and closed on July 13. The RFP emphasized stipends and seed money for projects. Deon reviewed the criteria and what happened so far. The review committee finalized scores and their recommendations on August 15. He went over how the review committee came to their recommendations.

It was agreed that the dialogue of the meeting tonight should be passed along to Vera Court Neighborhood Center.

A motion was made by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Bridget Rogers to accept the recommendations of the review committee for 2018-19 Community Building and Engagement (CBE) funding.

A friendly amendment was added to include a request of the Common Council to add funds to the Community Building and Engagement pot equal to at least half the 2019 requests made by Lussier Community Education Center and Centro Hispano to continue their CBE programs in 2019.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Kim Genich

Ayes: 7 - Shiva Bidar; Donna C. Bryant; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; LaShana M. Miller; Bridget D. Rogers; Jean M. MacCubbin and Monica L. Sundal

Abstentions: 1 - Consuelo Lopez

2. [45406](#) Staff Report

Jim O'Keefe informed that we have a new Neighborhood Program and Data Analyst starting on August 27. Her name is Katy Petershack. CDD issued a solicitation for candidates for Christine Beatty's position at the Madison Senior Center.

3. [34250](#) Committee Reports
-Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
-Committee on Aging

Mykenzie Lemberger said the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee has no report.

Donna Bryant reported for the Committee on Aging. The Hmong Institute came before the committee and asked for support for the Hmong Elders due to the lose of their program at Journey Mental Health. The program's termination is mainly due to loss of transportation. They are in an emergency situation.

Journey is dismantling the infrastructure and they need the committee to ask Journey to put off dismantalling the program until The Hmong Institute can come up with a contingency plan. It was very short notice.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bridget Rogers, seconded by Consuelo Lopez Springfield to adjourn at 8:30 pm.