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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 3, 2015

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Matthew J. Phair; Ricky Hunt; Ben M. Van Pelt; Daniel A. O'Callaghan and Greg L. Rosenberg
Excused: 3 - Samba Baldeh; Colin A. Bowden and Joseph M. O'Connell

CITY STAFF: Anne Kenny, Susan Morrison, Jim O'Keefe

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

O'Callaghan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Van Pelt moved to approve minutes from August 6, 2015. Ald. Cheeks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [38664](#) CDBG Chair report

O'Callaghan offered some personal perspective on the issue of homelessness in the community stating, in part, that it's immoral as a society to allow people to go without housing.

Ald. Baldeh arrived at 5:08 p.m.

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[38664](#)

CDBG Chair report

O'Callaghan said that telling the homeless that they can't stay in a public place is not a solution. He read from an article on the criminalization of homeless and said that HUD is on record as being against the criminalization of homeless and is pushing against such efforts in local communities.

2. [39972](#)

Presentation from City Facilities staff regarding preliminary schematic design for the Madison Municipal Building..

Brian Cooper of the City Engineering Facilities Management group gave a presentation on the preliminary schematic design of the Madison Municipal Building renovation project. The remaining phases of design will continue next year, if the project gets authorization from the Common Council. Building occupants will need to be located during renovation.

O'Callaghan welcomed Ricky Hunt to the Committee, and Hunt said he was glad to be part of the Committee to help benefit the city.

3. [39502](#)

SUBSTITUTE Creating Section 23.60, renumbering current Section 23.60 to Section 23.70, and amending Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to impose a time limit on use of public benches, to prohibit sitting or lying or lodging in the public sidewalks and rights of way and specified other public places, during specified hours in the Central Business District, and establish a bail deposit schedule for violations thereof, to be known as the Downtown Pedestrian Protection Ordinance.

Motion to approve failed on voice vote.

Adriana Peguero of the City Attorney's Office handed out a letter from the Mayor explaining and supporting the ordinance.

O'Callaghan noted that several people sent emails to the CDBG Office registering their opposition to the ordinance. They included Julie Locher, Dane County Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner, Linda Ketchum and her board at Madison Area Urban Ministry, Georgie Nazos, Kate Edwards, Torrie Kopp Mueller of the YWCA, and Miranda Hassett of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

O'Callaghan noted there were a number of registrants to speak on the issue at tonight's meeting.

Mary Ingram said she's lived on the east side of Madison for 45 years. She said it is very cruel to prohibit sitting or resting on benches in the downtown area. The ordinance will impact poor people primarily. She urged the Committee to vote against the ordinance.

Matt Kozlowski, Co-Chair of Progressive Dane, echoed O'Callaghan's earlier statements regarding the homeless. He said this ordinance would have a negative effect on the ability of service providers to reach out to homeless persons because homeless individuals already feel attacked without the addition of such an ordinance.

Ann Fleischli said it is illegal to do the kind of things proposed by the ordinance. She proposed an amendment to the ordinance to create a day shelter and warming facility for the homeless within the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. She passed out copies of her suggested

changes and read from her proposal.

Brenda Konkel thanked O'Callaghan for his comments. She said these kinds of ordinances make it more difficult to serve the homeless. A day center is what's really needed. She said she could not believe the letter from the Mayor in support of the ordinance and doesn't believe the National Coalition for the Homeless would have said what the letter claims they did. She thinks the ordinance would have a negative impact on people of color more than any other population. The ordinance is not the solution.

Committee members discussed the proposed ordinance, including the legality of the ordinance. Peguero said it's difficult to say whether this ordinance would be considered unlawful and whether it criminalizes the status of a homeless person. Rosenberg said the Mayor's letter made him officially angry, as did misrepresentations in the letter and in the Drafter's Analysis.

For the purposes of discussion, Rosenberg moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Ald. Phair seconded.

Rosenberg and Ald. Phair said the ordinance should be voted down loudly and vehemently. Ald. Baldeh said the Committee should discuss what to do about homelessness at the next meeting.

The motion failed unanimously.

4. [39668](#) Accepting the report and recommendations of the Housing Strategy Committee - Market Rate Rental Report.

Matt Wachter, Housing Initiatives Specialist for the CDA, gave a presentation on the Housing Strategy Committee—Market Rate Rental Report. Discussion was held regarding having an opportunity to review and comment on the report before it goes through the approval process. Wachter stated CDBG members may still forward him comments or suggestions for revisions to the report.

Rosenberg moved to return the resolution to return to lead with the recommendation for approval. Van Pelt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [39987](#) Appoint CDBG Committee member to the Conference Committee

O'Callaghan said he can no longer serve on the Conference Committee and asked for volunteers to serve in his place.

O'Keefe said that much of the work of the Conference Committee focuses on the Emerging Opportunities Funds.

Ald. Phair moved to table action on this item until the October meeting. Ald. Baldeh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [39928](#) CDBG September 2015 Staff Report

Financials
2016 Budget

Affordable Housing Initiative RFP
Funding Process Update

Financials

Morrison said there were no significant changes to the financials and that there were just a few small repayments that are received on a regular basis.

2016 Budget

O'Keefe said the 2016 executive capital budget has been released to the Common Council. The Affordable Housing Fund is continued in 2016 and beyond. The budget reduces spending for neighborhood centers from \$38 million over five years to \$3 million over the same period. TIF dollars from the Broadway neighborhood will be intended to replace the Bridge-Lake Point-Waunona Center.

O'Keefe said CDD made 17 supplemental budget requests in the operating budget, including five requests that address issues around homeless services, such as increased support for the Briarpatch Youth Shelter and additional funds for support of the expansion of DAIS.

Affordable Housing Initiative RFP

O'Keefe said that staff are in the process of reviewing four proposals. Combined, the proposals would add 210 new affordable rental units in Madison.

O'Keefe said staff recommendations on the AHF proposals will come back to the Committee in November for review.

OCS Funding Process Update

O'Keefe said the recent OCS process recently concluded and that there are "B List" recommendations for increased funds to Briarpatch Youth Shelter and DAIS.

7. [38209](#)

Report from committees with CDBG Committee representation

1. Gardens Committee (Rosenberg)
2. Martin Luther King Jr Humanitarian Award Committee (Bowden)

1) Gardens Committee

No report was given.

2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Phair moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; Ald. Cheeks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Kenny, recorder