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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

5:30 PM

Kennedy Heights Community Center
199 Kennedy Heights Madison, WI 53704-1645

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL AT 5:33 P.M.

ALAN SWEET IN THE CHAIR

LATE: LISA SUBECK (5:40 P.M.), STEPHEN SMALL (5:40 P.M.)

Present: 10 -

Ald. Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Ald. Lisa Subeck; Paul J. Van Rooy; Mary C. Vasquez; Kim Genich; De'Kendrea B. Stamps; Alan M. Sweet; Jean M. MacCubbin; David Wandel and Stephen A. Small

Excused: 2 -

Nicole K. Anderson and Ben O. Obregon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wandel, seconded by Ald. Subeck, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members and staff introduced themselves to each other. Alan thanked Kennedy Heights for the use of the center for the meeting. Alyssa Kennedy introduced herself and provided the members with an overview of Kennedy Heights. They have a 4K, preschool and after school programs for elementary and middle school children. Kennedy Heights received money from Merit for Adolescent Health for Girls Inc. program. Their goal is to get 120 kids involved through the Asian outreach program. They have held successful adult resource fairs at the center as well.

David Wandel asked how the ethnic/cultural mix has changed over the years. Alyssa stated that approximately 48% are Hmong, with a decreasing African American population. Asian Outreach has been a strong liaison with schools in Madison and they provide outreach City-wide. In 2010, the center consisted of 62% Hmong individuals. The board is unique and committed to keeping a professional balance resulting in more stability with staff and the board.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kim Genich recused himself on agenda item # 3 as he is an employee of DCPC.

De'Kendrea Stamps recused herself on agenda item # 3 as she is an employee of EMCC.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. [23381](#) Update on Leopold Neighborhood Concentrated Planning effort

A motion was made by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Ald. Subeck, to Refer. Sent to the COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [23400](#) Conference Committee Appointments

Bill Clingan stated that the Conference Committee was the committee that made funding recommendations for Neighborhood House last year. The committee may need to reconvene in fall to review previous funding decisions. The Mayor requested 5% budget cuts from all City agencies and if the cuts are made, service providers are looking at a \$230,000 cut. If Neighborhood House requests funding through the City for 2012, the conference committee would make the funding decisions. Neighborhood House requested unallocated money prior to the announcement of any budget cuts.

A motion was made by MacCubbin, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Approve the appointments of Lisa Subeck and Paul Van Rooy to the conference committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [23640](#) Approving the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee's (ECCEC) recommendation to transfer \$9965 of Community Resource funding from Dane County Parent Council's (DCPC) Preschool Enrichment Program to East Madison Community Center's (EMCC) Children's Development Program.

A motion was made by Van Rooy, seconded by Sweet, to Approve the transfer of \$9965 of Community Resource funding from Dane County Parent Council's (DCPC) Preschool Enrichment Program to East Madison Community Center's (EMCC) Children's Development Program. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 2 -
Anderson and Obregon

Recused: 2 -
Genich and Stamps

Ayes: 8 -
Ald. Rhodes-Conway; Ald. Subeck; Van Rooy; Vasquez; Sweet; MacCubbin; Wandel and Small

4. [23375](#) City and Federal Budget and impacts on the Community Development Division

Bill Clingan stated that the Community Development Division submitted a 5% reduction for the 2012 operating budget. The overall reduction was \$382,500. Service provider cuts will not exceed internal cuts or no more than \$230,000. Additional reductions will be to the Childcare Unit: 1) one employee will retire at the end of the year and the position will not be filled immediately. 2) 5% reduction in childcare tuition. 3) 5% reduction in childcare grants for childcare centers. The supplemental budget submitted to the Mayor asked for the funding back based on the following priorities: 1) restore funding to service providers. 2) fill vacant childcare position. 3) restore childcare tuition and

grants. 4) miscellaneous office requests. Human Resources is updating all job descriptions within all City departments/divisions and should be complete by next year. The retired aging unit position was moved to the childcare unit. Christine Beatty is drafting a plan on how to address senior needs in the City and suggestions for staffing levels within the aging unit. A draft report should be available within the next couple of months. The federal government took back 16% of CDBG funds and 11% of Home funds from the existing budget. Money was taken out of reserves to offset this year's cuts. The proposed reduction in HUD funds for 2012 is 7.5%. It is unknown where the money will come from to cover the reduction in next year's HUD funds at this time.

Discuss and Finalize.

5. [23376](#)

Community Budget Conversations

Satya Rhodes-Conway stated the Mayor and Council leadership introduced a new public input for the City's budget process this year. Past processes did not help guide the Common Council in what the citizens view as priorities. There were 5 meetings in different locations with a focus on different budget areas/departments at each meeting. There has been a good turnout thus far and the process can be improved. It is a work in progress. There is also an online survey that citizens can complete if they were unable to attend the meetings. All of the information gathered during the budget cycle will be made public and the Common Council will consider this process as part of their budget deliberations. The Common Council and Mayor had a discussion meeting before the process began and they recognize this is an on-going process that should result in a better process for future budget deliberations. Consolidation among City and County agencies have resulted in less competition for the greater good of the City. There is a need to prepare for the tremendous challenge facing the CSC in the future. The CSC's role is to advocate for service providers since they ultimately will decide what the cuts to service providers will be.

Bill Clingan stated the Community Development Division will provide suggestions to the committee on how to cut funding for service providers if the 2012 budget is adopted with the proposed cuts.

Lisa Subeck recommends having a plan in place before the Common Council adopts the 2012 budget so they can effectively communicate what affects the cuts will have on service providers. Satya Rhodes-Conway stated it would be useful to have a plan and the alders serving on the CSC will keep the rest of the members abreast of changes recommended by the Mayor and/or Common Council.

Alan Sweet reminded the members of the CSC that time is of the essence during the budget process and it is very important that all members be present at future CSC Meetings.

Discuss and Finalize.

6. [23377](#)

Neighborhood Centers

Bill Clingan stated that neighborhood centers are funded with both federal money and levy funds. The rationale about how they are funded will be

provided at a future meeting. Lorri Wendorf-Corrigan is receiving input from various angles and there are approximately 20 models being reviewed. The neighborhood center funding process model will be in place prior to the next funding cycle and may need to be phased in to avoid shutting centers down. We are cognizant of how to use all parties time involved and to streamline it so it is a clear model that can be used for future funding cycles. The conversation has already begun with neighborhood centers.

Discuss and Finalize.

7. [23378](#) Future "Road Trip" for Community Development Division Committees

Bill Clingan stated that visiting service providers has been done in the past. It helps identify services we provide and who we provide them to.

Satya Rhodes-Conway indicated the Parks Division currently visit the various City parks via a metro bus. There is interest in visiting service providers in the future.

Discuss and Finalize.

8. [23379](#) Future Meeting Topics for Community Services Committee and Community Development Block Grant Committee - Demographics/Neighborhoods/Adult Workforce

Bill Clingan asked the members if there is a will of the body to include the following topics for future meetings: neighborhoods, adult workforce, demographics of Madison following the 2010 census. The committee is interested in all of those topics for future agenda items.

Discuss and Finalize.

9. [23380](#) Update on 2 year funding process

Bill Clingan indicated the 2 year funding process is complete. A survey was given to all involved parties. There have been ongoing discussions with committees, staff, service providers and the Mayor regarding the process. A set of recommendations should be available within the next month or two.

Discuss and Finalize.

REPORTS

10. [20154](#) Director's Report

Community Development Division update

Bill Clingan summarized the upcoming budget and the potential impacts it will have on service providers, staff and committee members. The 2012 funding for service providers may need to be revisited once the City's Operating Budget is adopted, which will occur in November.

Discuss and Finalize.

11. [22031](#) Committee Reports

SCAC
ECCEC
Allied Area Task Force
MLK Jr. Committee

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) has not had quorum the last two meetings. Currently, they are trying to determine their mission.

The Early Childhood Care and Education Committee (ECCEC) needs to update the ordinance governing the committee. They have gone through several changes and are struggling with quorum issues, as well.

The Allied Area Task Force continues to work. The safety and securities report was approved by the Common Council last month. Crime increased recently so the report should be of some assistance.

The MLK Jr. Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting. David is interested in creating a brochure to get some publicity out in the community to recruit new members.

Discuss and Finalize.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Subeck, seconded by Wandel, to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.