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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

5:35 PM

1917 Lake Point Drive
Bridge/Lake Point/Waunona Neighborhood Center

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Enis Ragland, Bill Clingan, Laura Noel, Lorri Wendorf, Mary O'Donnell, Leslie McAllister, Jennifer Stoiber

Present: 8 -

Brian L. Solomon; Lauren Cnare; Joanne E. Brown; Richard C. Berling; Alan M. Sweet; David Wandel; Stephen A. Small and Paul J. Van Rooy

Absent: 2 -

Mary Czyszczak-Lyne and Celia M. Jackson

Excused: 1 -

Michael F. Ely

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joanne Brown, seconded by David Wandel to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2008 meeting.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Kambwa is the managing editor of Simpson Street Free Press. She spoke on behalf of the agency and stressed that the small staff does so much on such a small budget.

Tariq Pasha spoke on behalf of Common Wealth Development. He thanked the Commission and stated that he was available for questions. Common Wealth Development is in the beginning stages of major expansion to the west side of Madison. He appreciates the decisions of the Commission and hopes they stand by them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [12604](#) Owl Creek Neighborhood Update

Attachments: [Owl Creek Update.pdf](#)

Staff distributed a handout summarizing the background, issues, and the current activity designed to address these issues in the Owl Creek Neighborhood.

ROLL CALL

Celia Jackson arrived at 5:50.

2. [12602](#) Election of Officers for Community Services Commission

Attachments: [CSC Election Process.doc](#)

Staff distributed a letter from Mary Czyszczak-Lyne nominating herself for Vice-Chair and explaining her qualifications.

A motion was made by Brian Solomon, seconded by Lauren Cnare nominating Alan Sweet for Chair.

A motion was made by Paul Van Rooy, seconded by David Wandel to close the nominations and vote for the two nominated candidates.

Motion passed by voice vote. Alan Sweet will be Chair and Mary Czyszczak-Lyne will be Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by David Wandel, seconded by Alan Sweet thanking Richard Berling for his many years of service as Chair of the Community Services Commission.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [12603](#) 2009 Operating Budget Update and Possible OCS Budget Adjustments

Attachments: [Solomon Proposal Worksheet.pdf](#)
[Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Brian Solomon ran down the list of budget amendments that passed at Common Council the week before.

- The Community Resources 3% increase went through.
- \$40,000 for Transit for Jobs
- Creation of Neighborhood Liason in OCS
- CDBG-Homeless Outreach position created
- \$50,000 for Eviction Prevention in CDBG
- Emerging Neighborhoods went from \$200,000 in 2008, down to \$50,000 in 2009. The funds will be distributed by staff, not committee

Staff recommended that the Community Services Commission appoint a subcommittee to look at the RFP and proposals for the Transit for Jobs money. An RFP should go out by the end of December, the subcommittee will review proposals and make recommendations to the CSC at the January or February meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Solomon, seconded by Lauren Cnare to create a subcommittee for the Transit for Jobs allocation.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Members should contact staff if they would like to volunteer for the subcommittee.

Discussion continued regarding the bus fare increase.

A motion was made by Joanne Brown, seconded by Alan Sweet to have the Community Services Commission urge the TPT to use all means possible to mitigate the impact of the fare increase on low-income users.

Motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Brian Solomon, seconded by Joanne Brown showing appreciation to Leslie McAllister for her excellent work as Weed & Seed Coordinator.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT-CONTINUED

Jim Kramer spoke in support of Simpson Street Free Press. He feels it is a different kind of youth program that has developed tried and true methods for working with kids. They function with no full time staff and through their program kids develop real vocational and life skills. Mr. Kramer feels that the goals and outcomes of their programs almost precisely match the Program Area IV goals and priorities.

Dan Okoli spoke in support of Simpson Street Free Press. He came into contact with SSFP by picking up a newspaper in Starbucks, and felt he had never seen anything like it before. He is now a Board member because he wants to be involved in a community activity that impacts children. He feels that SSFP accomplishes that and it is a program that will make Madison shine.

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A motion was made by Brian Solomon, seconded by David Wandel to accept the \$109,063 as intended by the Board of Estimates, which is to restore Community Resource funding to the 2009 budget recommendations by the Community Services Commission.

Motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Brian Solomon, seconded by Lauren Cnare to fully re-fund Simpson Street Free Press, and to make up the difference lost by taking ½ of the amount from the Common Wealth Development expansion, then taking the other ½ of the amount by cutting all Program Area IV programs proportionately.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 -

Mary Czynszak-Lyne

Excused: 1 -

Michael F. Ely

Ayes: 6 -

Brian L. Solomon; Lauren Cnare; Celia M. Jackson; David Wandel; Stephen A. Small and Paul J. Van Rooy

Noes: 2 -

Joanne E. Brown and Alan M. Sweet

Non Voting: 1 -

Richard C. Berling

4. [11743](#) Funding Process review

Attachments: [Funding Process Review .doc](#)

Staff would like a subcommittee to work with staff and members of the Early Childhood Care and Education Board and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, to look at how we can improve the funding process. The subcommittee would begin work in January. Brian Solomon would like to make an update from the subcommittee a standing agenda item.

5. [11747](#) Scheduling CSC meetings in the community

Attachments: [2009 CSC Schedule.doc](#)

Staff gave a list of agencies that have had changes in space or directors in the past year or so, and where staff believes would be good places to schedule the Commission meetings in 2009. If any Commission member has another agency they are interested in holding a meeting, please email Laura Noel.

David Wandel reported that the Martin Luther King Jr Award Committee nominations are out.

Joanne Brown reported that the Early Childhood Care and Education Board had a lively discussion about accreditation and For Profit agencies that afternoon.

Paul Van Rooy reported that the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee approved the 2009 funding recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Wandel, seconded by Brian Solomon to adjourn at 7:46.

Motion passed by voice vote.