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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 2015

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Samba Baldeh; Matthew J. Phair; Ben M. Van Pelt; Colin A. Bowden; Daniel A. O'Callaghan; Joseph M. O'Connell and Greg L. Rosenberg

Excused: 1 - Ricky Hunt

CITY STAFF: Anne Kenny, Susan Morrison, Laura Noel, Jim O'Keefe, Linette Rhodes, Sue Wallinger

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

O'Callaghan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bowden moved to approve minutes from June 4, 2015. Ald. Phair seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Soglin shared a report and analysis from 2008 focused on where Park Street "T's" into the Beltline where some of the most intense work has been done over decades. The report looked at all the providers focused on job development and creation. They discovered that agencies made referrals to other agencies based on reputation or rumor, not on knowledge of the agency's metrics. The report also stated that one of the factors that contributed to the lack of development of relationships between agencies was conflict over competition for funding. In the 1990's, the City asked agencies to identify partners in the services areas for which they were applying for funding. This approach might be good to try in the next round of funding.

Mayor Soglin discussed a meeting he attended in Washington, DC, over funding for Promise Zones. Applications that were funded showed a collaborative effort among agencies in developing the application, as opposed to applications developed by one agency and submitted with letters of support from other agencies.

He also discussed the equity contentions that he stated some agencies have shared with him multiple times. A lot of the service recipients are individuals of color, whereas the agencies that apply for funds to assist these recipients are run by white women. Moreover, when agencies developed and managed by African Americans come forward, their applications are downgraded for lack of

metrics demonstrating their effectiveness. A number of successful agencies in Madison don't even apply for money because they think it's a waste of time to attempt to prove how successful they are.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

REPORTS

1. [38664](#) CDBG Chair report

O'Callaghan shared an article on how Miami, Florida, has had some success in dealing with mental illness in their community by approaching the issues from a systems standpoint rather than an isolated programs basis. He said the City of Madison could do more to approach its homeless issue from a systems or network basis.

2. [38877](#) Creating Section 39.08 and Section 33.07(7)(k)14. of the Madison General Ordinances to create a policy requiring certain city contractors to "Ban the Box" by eliminating questions about criminal and arrest record in their hiring practices, when contracting with the City, creating Sec. 33.07(7)(k)14. to make Ban the Box a prequalification requirement, and amending Sec. 39.07(3)(c)10. to exempt credit rating agencies from the Equal Benefits ordinance.

Ald. Baldeh made a friendly amendment to the original motion to request that staff and the Common Council consider extending the reach of the ordinance to all City contracts regardless of the dollar amount. Ald. Phair seconded. The request to amend the motion was approved with Ald. Baldeh, Ald. Cheeks, O'Callaghan, O'Connell, Ald. Phair, Rosenberg, and Van Pelt voting aye, and Bowden voting nay.

Bowden said he supported the idea of applying the ordinance to all contracts but also wanted to include Police and Fire Department employment applications.

The Committee voted on the original motion to approve the ordinance with the friendly amendment to request that staff and the Common Council consider extending the reach of the ordinance to all City contracts regardless of the dollar amount.

Ald. Cheeks moved to return the resolution to the lead with the recommendation for approval. Ald. Phair seconded.

Ald. Cheeks provided background on the initiative to remove questions about criminal history or arrest records on initial employment applications from agencies that contract with the City for over \$25,000. The Committee discussed the desire to have the ordinance apply to all City contracts, not just those over \$25,000.

This Ordinance was Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMISSION

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3. [39496](#)

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept a HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance planning grant in the amount of \$38,739, amending the 2015 CDBG Operating Budget to reflect this additional revenue and commensurate expenditures, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, Inc. for activities related to conducting a public process to update the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Madison/Dane County.

Wallinger explained that it was necessary to do a new contract with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) rather than an amendment to their existing contract.

Rosenberg moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Van Pelt seconded.

4. [39495](#)

Authorizing Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development (WPHD) to use returned Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) program income in the amount of \$56,460.38, under the same terms as the original NSP contract between WPHD and the City of Madison's Community Development Division (CDD).

Rhodes handed out a memo she created in 2011 to give some background on NSP funds, which the City received in 2009. She explained that WPHD generated program income that they would like to use for redevelopment of two suitable houses in foreclosure.

Van Pelt moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Bowden seconded.

[39498](#)

Amending a Promissory Note executed in 2000 between the City of Madison and Quaker Housing, in order to correct the Note's fair market value percentage and the calculation of the prorated share of the Community Development Division's investment.

David Sparer, attorney for Quaker Housing, and Rhodes gave background on the request, saying that the original value of the note was miscalculated and should've been done on the after-rehab value of the property. Quaker Housing will make a payment of \$400,000 based on the recalculated value.

Rosenberg moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Bowden seconded.

5. [39519](#) CDBG August 2015 Staff Report

Financials
2016 Budget
Day Resources Center
HOME Funding
Affordable Housing Initiative RFP

Financials

Morrison reviewed the financials, noting repayments of funds and the remaining balances in various funds.

2016 Budget

O’Keefe said that funding for neighborhood centers will be scaled back from the ambitious capital improvement plan that was part of the 2015 budget. CDD has asked the Mayor to increase the Affordable Housing Fund for 2016.

Day Resources Center

O’Keefe said a County daytime resource center will hopefully open in 2016. The County is considering the Bellini Restaurant property on East Washington Avenue as the site. They’re still working on the Martin Street site. The Fairchild building is not a likely candidate for the daytime resource center.

HOME Funding

O’Keefe said the CDBG allocation will hold relatively stable for 2016, but the Senate has proposed a 90% cut to HOME funding, which would have implications for administration and staff in CDD.

Affordable Housing Initiative RFP

O’Keefe said that applications are due soon.

6. [38209](#) Report from committees with CDBG Committee representation

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

1) Gardens Committee

Rosenberg said that there’s a new collaboration between the City, Dane County Extension, and Community GroundWorks called the Gardens Network. It’s an initiative replacing the role that Community Action Coalition used to play. They’re looking at the systems and committees that are addressing gardens and whether there’s a need for the Gardens Committee to continue in its current form.

2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

Bowden said the Committee hadn’t met recently, so he had no update. He said they are accepting nominations for the award.

ADJOURNMENT

Van Pelt moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.; Ald. Cheeks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Kenny, recorder