



City of Madison

Meeting Minutes - Final

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

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Thursday, October 5, 2006

5:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Cindy Thomas, Santiago Rosas, Arthur V. Robinson, Sophia Angelina Estante, Steven C. Bartlett, Carl G. Silverman, Justin O. Markofski and Charlie R. Sanders

Excused: Tim Bruer, Monya A. Choudhury and Kristina L. Dux

WELCOME - CHAIR'S REPORT

Estante called the meeting to order, and led a Commission discussion about the possibility of adding a second meeting each month to focus on background and informational issues. Most Commissioners expressed a preference for adding additional time at the end of the action agenda for topical briefings, and the possibility of scheduling an additional quarterly workgroup-style meeting to focus more in depth on such topics as reorganization, performance, inclusionary zoning, and neighborhood centers.

The Commission offered additional comments:

- Perhaps adding an hour more to the existing meeting would enable the Commission to cover these needed topics.*
- The Commission could start its review of proposals early in the meeting, then schedule the informational sessions.*
- An extra meeting a month would require additional travel time and add to the workload.*
- There does appear to be a need for more detailed discussions and information about broader issues.*
- Perhaps the Commission could schedule 3-4 special meetings to deal with emerging topics.*
- Can we rearrange the agenda so that actionable items are more toward the front of the agenda?*
- It is important to act early in the meeting on community agency requests.*

Estante asked that Commissioners e-mail her with comments, she would compile the comments, and present them at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT - FOCUS ITEM

The October staff report focus item was the Executive budget. Hurie described the recommendations of the Mayor for the Executive budget. The Mayor is recommending City funding of four of the supplements submitted, including the restoration of the 3% City cut, additional City funds for anticipated CDBG cuts in public services such as neighborhood centers and homeless services, and funding of the Allied employment initiatives (Urban League and Building Trades Council). The one unfortunate decision was to not fund any of the Commission's request for the Wisconsin Youth Company South West Neighborhood Center, but instead to fund a new after-school program through Community Services.

Thomas will talk with the other affected alders and seek a change in the recommendation. (NOTE: On Monday, October 9, the Mayor indicated that he would sponsor an amendment at BOE to shift the \$40,000 in funding back to the facility use program at the South West Center.)

REQUEST FOR MAJOR CHANGES IN CURRENTLY FUNDED PROJECTS OR FUNDING FOR NEW PROJECTS

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Approving the provision of \$110,000 in Federal HOME/Match Funds and \$10,000 in Housing Trust Funds to assist Housing Initiatives acquire housing and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement to implement the project.

Dean Loumos described the proposal to acquire building with 4 one-bedroom-units. Two of the current 4 tenants are part of the Housing Initiatives program, and the other two appear qualified as well. Hence, there would be no displacement, but preservation of an existing affordable situation. HI staff capacity has grown and would be able to absorb the new building into its maintenance program.

A motion was made by Rosas, seconded by Silverman, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: Bruer, Choudhury and Dux

Aye: Thomas, Rosas, Robinson, Estante, Bartlett, Silverman, Markofski and Sanders

JCF Investments

Jeff Funnell described his request for Housing Trust Funds to help convert a complex with four 8-unit buildings into 32 condos. He has begun the conversion process, sold and closed on 4 units, and has two others pending. He indicated that he had spoken to Alder Cnare, who is supportive of the project.

Commissioners expressed general support for the conversion and indicated a preference to help the buyers of the units.

Thomas moved and Rosas seconded a motion to 'reserve' at least three ADDI downpayment assistance loans for buyers of the units who qualify at the 70% of Area Median Income range. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Present: Cindy Thomas, Arthur V. Robinson, Sophia Angelina Estante, Steven C. Bartlett, Carl G. Silverman, Justin O. Markofski and Charlie R. Sanders

Excused: Tim Bruer, Santiago Rosas, Monya A. Choudhury and Kristina L. Dux

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Silverman, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Estante requested that Commissioners respond to the summer process evaluation survey. Hurie will e-mail members copies for return prior to the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bartlett moved and Silverman seconded a motion for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Hickory Hurie, recorder*