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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Lorri Wendorf-Corrigan, Hickory Hurie and Jennifer Stoiber

Also Present: Alder Matt Phair

Paul Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Present: 8 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Felicitus Ferington; Patricia A. Lasky; Mary C. Vasquez; Kim Genich; Alan M. Sweet; Jean M. MacCubbin and Paul J. Van Rooy

Absent: 1 -

Lisa Subeck

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Alan Sweet to approve the minutes from November 28, 2012. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheray Wallace, a community leader, spoke in favor of purchasing the property on Teresa Terrace. She feels a neighborhood center is important to the community, and it would be a great investment.

Many children appeared to speak in favor of buying the property on Theresa Terrace and creating a neighborhood center:

Jayla Green
Jamila Koger
Jozyra Green
Jevante Koger
Zavarion Mohomes
Jazaria Green
Uquasha Banks
Ashanti Freeman
Dijanay Joinder
Imani Stinson
Deojharay

Cassie Rademaekers lives in the Greentree neighborhood where there are no other community resources. She believes creating a neighborhood center is a great way for the neighborhood and Falk School to work together. They have already formed a good volunteer group.

Val Vance formed a tutoring and mentoring program partnered with Falk School. She lives in the neighborhood and is in favor of the City purchasing the property. She discussed how the community came together and worked for this.

Brian Benford is in support of purchasing the property on Theresa Terrace. He has worked in some capacity at every community center in the City. He believes that neighborhood centers are the backbone of the neighborhood. Poverty has shifted throughout the City and good things come when locals build capacity. This is a chance to get ahead of the issues in that community.

John Suggs, the COO of Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, discussed the partnership that has developed with the people at Theresa Terrace. The Boys and Girls Club has helped the group this year. He believes if we can provide a safe place for children to go, we have gone a long way towards helping.

Chuck Kime, president of the Greentree Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of purchasing the property for a neighborhood center. He handed out information on a survey that was done of the neighborhood.

Ali Brooks is a youth organizer in southwest Madison. She has worked with the kids in the Theresa Terrace neighborhood, but there is a lot she has not been able to do because there is not a space to do programming in. She handed out letters from teens who wrote to express their desire for a neighborhood center.

Gloria Meyer from the Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association is in support of purchasing the property. They are aware of the limitations of the structure, but it is better than nothing. They will service younger kids first. There may be a chance to partner with Boys and Girls Club for the middle and high school kids. The neighborhood is asking the City to do this project with them, not for them. They do have a plan for operating the center and have raised money for programming.

Suzanne Gittleman and Jesse Drake spoke in favor of purchasing the property to create a neighborhood center.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [28837](#) SUBSTITUTE Authorizing the exercise of the Option to Purchase with John P. Schneider LLC for the acquisition of a condominium duplex located at 1409-1411 Theresa Terrace for potential use as a neighborhood center.

Attachments: [10033 - 1409 Theresa Ter Resol Exhibit B.pdf](#)
[Staff Review Theresa Terr.pdf](#)
[Ltrs of Support Submtd to CSC & CDCG.pdf](#)
[Survey Results Submitted by Chuck Kime.pdf](#)
[Version 1 Master11-Feb-2013-10-49-29.pdf](#)
[CDBG Additional Letter.pdf](#)
[Theresa Terr registration from CDBG Comm.pdf](#)
[Letters night of CDBG.pdf](#)

Alder Phair discussed the process of how this resolution came to be. The City has until February 28th to purchase the building at 1409-1411 Theresa Terrace. He stressed that it was a collaborative effort, and while it will not meet all the needs of the neighborhood, it is better than what is currently available. It is an investment in the neighborhood.

Satya Rhodes-Conway expressed her support and encouraged the committee members to support it too. She stressed that her continued support is dependent on working out the details. The committee discussed many of the questions regarding the neighborhood center. Ms. Rhodes-Conway reminded everyone that this is just a resolution to purchase the property.

A motion was made by Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Patricia Lasky to recommend approval of the purchase the condominium duplex located at 1409-1411 Theresa Terrace for potential use as a neighborhood center. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [28870](#) Funding Process Evaluation and Preliminary Planning for Next Process

Attachments: [HH Memo Regarding Survey.docx](#)
[Observations on the 2012 summer process survey 20130119.docx](#)
[Committee & Staff Combined Results.pdf](#)

Hickory Hurie discussed the survey results from committee members and staff, and shared ideas on how the data can be interpreted. The next step will be to take this information to the Mayor, staff and others, and come up with proposals on how the next funding process will work.

Laura Noel said in the next couple months, staff will bring proposals to the committee on how to go forward with neighborhood center funding and the next process.

3. [28371](#) Neighborhood Center Study

Jim O'Keefe discussed the current status of the study. For center directors, the biggest issue is funing. At the last meeting with directors, it was clear that staff and directors were not on the same page. Staff decided to take another run at it for clarity and transparency. They will be going back to center directors one more time to try and get them on board. Jim would like this wrapped up by the end of February.

4. [28871](#) Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin: Update on Potential Relocation to East Washington/Darbo Neighborhood

Laura Noel gave information on Youth Services of Southern WI exploring the possibility of moving to the site that is currently McDonalds in the East

Washington/Darbo Neighborhood area. It is an 1800 square foot, two story building and they are hoping to create an eight bed emergency youth bed shelter. YSSOW is working with a developer that is securing the property.

The Salvation Army is looking at moving down East Washington Avenue, to the Darbo Neighborhood, next to the other Salvation Army site.

At a recent neighborhood meeting, neighbors were concerned about both programs coming to the neighborhood. They seemed to support the services the agencies provide, but appeared to have mixed attitudes about moving them into the neighborhood. The Community Police Officer was not 100% in favor of the move.

Casey Behrend, director of YSSOW, has requested agenda time at next month's CSC meeting to talk to the committee.

5. [28872](#)

Staff Report

Laura Noel and Jim O'Keefe discussed TJ's Support Brokerage MAP and Dry Cleaners programs. The City provides funding to MAP for employment readiness training. Other City funding supports the job training in the dry cleaning business. Diana Shinall has defaulted on the business loan, and the dry cleaning equipment was put up as collateral. They have also lost their lease for space in the building on Verona Road.

Staff is working with Ms. Shinall to assure that we should fund the MAP program in 2013. We are trying to figure out how to proceed, and should have some idea in the next couple of weeks what changes, if any, will need to occur in the contract.

Laura Noel reported that she has not heard anything lately about candidates to fill the CSC vacancies.

Laura Noel also informed the committee that the office will be hiring a 50% time Youth Outreach Worker to connect kids in the Brentwood area to services and to identify and address gaps in the system. We are hoping the person starts by the first of May.

6. [26990](#)

Committee Reports

Fay Ferington reported for the Committee on Aging. The committee met today and are still getting a feel for the group since they are very new. They discussed how age-friendly the City of Madison is. They heard presentation on transportation and housing.

Pat Lasky reported for the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee. They met on January 10th and are short a number of members. The committee is doing data gathering of economics in our community and its impact on early childhood care.

Satya Rhodes-Conway reported for the Common Council. They have developed a policy agenda, including sources of funding and demographic changes that are coming. There will be a shift in the age structure of the community, many more older and younger people, in the coming years. There

is also a race and ethnic shift going on in the City. These are proactive priorities they are working on and she anticipates the Council will want to involve all relevant committees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alan Sweet, seconded by Satya Rhodes-Conway to adjourn at 7:46. Motion passed by voice vote.