



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, September 28, 2016

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility  
119 E. Olin Avenue

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff Present:** Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Jennifer Stoiber

**Kim Genich called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Present:** 7 - Amanda Hall; Felicitus Ferington; LeAndrea M. Vernon; LaShana M. Miller;  
Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers and Consuelo Lopez

**Absent:** 3 - Shiva Bidar; Jean M. MacCubbin and Wali Urehaman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Consuelo Lopez Springfield, seconded by Fay Ferington to approve the minutes from July 27, 2016. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [43959](#) Community Schools: Concept and Updates. Presentation by Nichelle Nichols, Executive Director of Family, Youth and Community Engagement, Madison Metropolitan School District

**Attachments:** [Community Schools Handout.pdf](#)

Nichelle Nichols shared the progress on the implementation of Community Schools. The School District wrote a grant proposal to Madison Community Foundation, and were awarded 3 years of funding. 22 MMSD schools were invited to apply. The invitation list was based on student and community needs. Ten schools applied, and Mendota Elementary and Leopold Elementary were selected as the first Community Schools. She discussed the implementation of Phase 1 based on best practices. Nichelle shared the reason non-profits were hesitant to apply as a lead partner. They were hesitant to take on the role because they would be expected to take on at least 50% of the salary and benefits for the resource coordinator. The committee put the selection of lead partner on hold and are examining their model.

2. [44561](#) Analysis and Report on Data Collected in 2015 CDD Summer Funding Process. Presented by Laura Noel, CDD Community Services Program Coordinator

Attachments: [Demographic Memo.pdf](#)

Laura Noel noted that in the 2015 funding process we asked agencies to share demographic information on their staff, board, and participants. Laura discussed the data we received, and the limitations of the data. This is a "tops of the trees" look. We will bring the committee more information as we break down the data, and analyze it more closely.

3. [38976](#) Staff Report

Attachments: [WCCF-Child Death Toll.pdf](#)

Laura Noel said we are close to posting positions to hire 3-4 Community Development Specialists. The Community Services Unit is looking for someone with a background in positive youth development and youth programming. The other will be a generalist; someone who knows the social service network and can work with the community and neighborhood centers. The CDBG Unit will be looking for a housing specialist and someone dedicated to homeless services and programs.

Jim O'Keefe said that earlier this week the City, Dane County, United Way and MMSD had a press conference to announce the creation of a fourth early childhood zone. The endowment is by the Rennebohm Foundation, and will focus support and services on the families and children in the zone. Rennebohm Foundation has made a commitment of eight years and \$. The goal is that all children in the zone will be prepared for school and ready to learn. They will be using home visiting services as a point of entry.

Jim gave a brief overview of the City's budget process. We are working to expand the supply of affordable housing. In the first two years, we have put City dollars behind eight projects and all received federal tax credits. The goal is to create 1000 units of affordable housing in five years, which will be income and rent restricted. The budget has the funding for two neighborhood centers. Bridge Lakepoint Waunona will be replaced with 14,000 square feet on the ground floor of an affordable housing project.

The old Griff's Restaurant on the far west side will be renovated into a neighborhood employment center. Urban League is the operator, and is connecting with residents. They are projecting the opening will be in late 2017. They will be securing space in the neighborhood to begin outreach and programs in the neighborhood.

The Mayor has not yet released his executive budget. Jim went over the CDD operating budget, and how we proposed to cut our budget as instructed by the Mayor. We hope he chooses not to accept the cuts and leaves us whole. We recommend he divert the 2017 EOP funds and various bits of money from other sources to fund projects that address racial disparity and violence. It seeks explicit authorization from the Common Council to extend POS contracts through 2017 at a 2016 funding level barring any cuts to our budget. There will be performance reviews for all programs that will be carried over.

There has been increasing discussions in placing a library and/or multi-function facility in the Reindahl Park area.

4. [34250](#)

Committee Reports

- Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
- Committee on Aging

LeAndrea gave an update on the last ECCEC meeting. They went over the child care assistance report, and updates on staff hiring, budget, and relocation. They also discussed Rights of a Child, and decided not to take it on as a charge of the committee.

Fay Ferington reported on the Community on Aging meeting earlier in the day. They discussed the coalition collaborative project to minimize duplicate services and maximize impact for seniors, and reviewed the CDD operating budget. There was some concern from members on how to have input on the budget before it is finalized. The Committee on Aging recommended having an alternate member on the CSC. Fay's term is up and she tried to give someone else a chance to participate on the CSC, but no one stepped up, so Fay will continue to serve. The Madison Senior Center will be recognized for their work and collaboration with the LLGBT community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LeAndrea Vernon, seconded by Amanda Hall to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.