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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 1, 2014

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

STAFF: Mary Charnitz, Teresa Cothrine, Anne Kenny, Susan Morrison, Jim O'Keefe, Sue Wallinger

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Markofski called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

Present: 6 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Lauren Cnare; Monya A. Choudhury; Justin O. Markofski; Daniel A. O'Callaghan and Russ Whitesel
Excused: 3 - Matthew J. Phair; Ben M. Van Pelt and Colin A. Bowden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Cnare moved to approve the April 3, 2014 minutes. Choudhury seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

CHAIR REPORT

1. [33856](#) CDBG May 2014 Chair Report

Markofski said he wanted to remind the Committee to have awareness of the human side of what they are doing as a Committee and how their decisions

and work relate to and impact the community.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. [33859](#) Authorizing the subordination of previously approved loans to Red Caboose Day Care Center, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign agreements to subordinate the loans.
- Cothrine gave an overview of Red Caboose's request for a subordination of their CDBG loan to their loan with Anchor Bank. She said Red Caboose refinanced with Anchor Bank in February 2014 but did not request a subordination of the CDBG loan to the new loan at that time.**
- Whitesel moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Choudhury seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. [33852](#) Authorizing the Mayor to sign and the CD Division to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration for Emergency Solutions Grant, Transitional Housing Program and Homeless Prevention Program (ETH) funds on behalf of specific agencies providing housing and services to homeless and at-risk persons; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute agreements with the State and specific non-profit agencies using the state ETH funds to serve homeless and at-risk individuals and families.
- The Committee had no questions for Wallinger.**
- Choudhury moved to return the resolution to lead with the recommendation for approval. Ald. Cnare seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. [33866](#) CDBG Staff Report

Financials

There were no questions.

Common Council Updates/Previews

Charnitz provided the following updates:

- The 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives document was approved by the Common Council, and the Committee will receive a package of information on the Summer Funding Process at the next meeting.

Forward Community Investments was selected to undertake the funding process study.

Whitesel asked why the study was being done. O'Keefe said there have been concerns expressed by the Mayor and Common Council about the process and the results it yields.

- The EOP projects were approved by the Conference Committee.

O'Keefe provided the following updates:

- The high school youth internship program was approved by the Council with Youth Services of Southern Wisconsin and Boys and Girls Club having the lead on that project.
- The Council authorized the extension of the Community Services purchase of services contracts for another year, including neighborhood centers, community gardens, and employment programs.
- The Council acted to create a joint City-County Homeless Issues Committee.
- A resolution to approve Wisconsin Youth Company as the operator for Theresa Terrace will go to the Council next week. They were selected through an RFP process.
- A resolution to approve Construction Training, Inc., which is heading a collaborative of six organizations, to undertake a construction employment initiative (the Big Step Initiative) will go to Council next week.
- Tax Credits Projects:

The Rethke Street permanent supportive housing project was approved this week for low income housing tax credits in the amount of \$5.4 million. Later this month, Heartland and their associates will begin conducting a series of meetings with the neighborhood, support service providers, and potential residents.

Movin' Out's Dempsey Place/Royster Clark project also received approximately \$7.8 million in low income housing tax housing credits. They've also received TIF and HOME assistance.

Lutheran Social Services' Tennyson project was not awarded tax credits, but they may apply for a small amount of tax credits still available yet later on this year. CDD's funds in the project may remain in the project if they do apply for the other tax credits this year.

5. [33867](#)

Report from Committees with CDBG Committee representation

Markofski said that Community Action Coalition's (CAC) 30-year stewardship of community gardens will end May 31. They will continue to have a different, more limited role in some pantry gardens. Around the city, interested stakeholders who are part of the transition are working together. Two working groups have emerged, and four garden leaders that are part of the Garden City Gardens Committee have teamed up to invite garden leaders from all city gardens to come together and meet about security and stability of gardens for the year.

Choudhury said it sounds like the Gardens Committee and gardens leaders are working around the fact that CAC didn't get the funding through the Emerging

Opportunities Process.

Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Committee (Bowden)

There was no report.

Conference Committee (Ald. Cnare, Choudhury, Van Pelt)

Choudhury had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Whitesel moved adjournment at 6:09 p.m. O'Callaghan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Kenny, recorder