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Meeting Minutes - Draft COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

5:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Yolanda Shelton-Morris, Mary O'Donnell, Nancy Saiz, Deon Carruthers, Sally Jo Spaeni

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Present: 9 - Arvina Martin; Donna C. Bryant; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; LaShana M. Miller; Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers; Michelle A. Dunphy; Diane L. Farsetta and Consuelo Lopez

Absent: 1 - Shiva Bidar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Diane Farsetta, seconded by Michelle Dunphy to approve the minutes from February 26, 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

This is Mykenzie Lemberger's last meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [61056](#) 2021 Operating Budget

Yolanda Shelton-Morris gave the budget update. Departments have been instructed to submit a 5% reduction in spending that can be considered ongoing, not just a one-time cut. CDD is considering several options. \$17.5 million of a \$22 million budget goes to purchase of service contracts. Budget is due July 10.

The committee requested that the CDD budget be an item on next month's agenda.

roll call

Shiva Bidar arrived at 6:05 pm.

Present: 10 - Shiva Bidar; Arvina Martin; Donna C. Bryant; Mykenzie L. Lemberger; LaShana M. Miller; Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers; Michelle A. Dunphy; Diane L. Farsetta and Consuelo Lopez

1. [61055](#) 2020 Emerging Opportunities Program (EOP) Funding Priorities

We were not able to have the Emerging Opportunities Program funding process, therefore we have \$150,000 in unallocated funds. A resolution went to Common Council to allow CDD to repurpose those funds to address needs impacted by the pandemic. Staff received feedback and did outreach. One of the most pressing and outstanding needs is housing assistance, especially for undocumented communities that cannot take part in federal or state relief programs.

We currently fund three agencies that already work with undocumented communities: Freedom Inc, Latino Consortium for Action and the African Center for Community Development. They have the capacity and resources to give assistance to undocumented individuals and families. Dane County is planning to provide money for staffing to Freedom Inc and Latino Consortium.

Shiva disclosed that she is a part of an organization that is associated with Latino Consortium for Action, but had no monetary stake or anything to gain.

Nancy Saiz shared that the money should have flexibility for case managers to do what is needed to relieve family stress. The goal of these funds is to provide stability for the families.

3. [61057](#)

Staff Updates

- CBE Funding
- Neighborhood Center Summer Programming
- Community Building Crime Reduction Grant
- Financial Empowerment Grants
- Dream Up Competition
- Human Services Team - Funding and Recovery

Yolanda Shelton-Morris discussed the Community Building and Engagement funding process. It had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, so contracts were extended through the end of 2020. Two agencies received additional funding, Rooted WI Inc. and Madison Northside Planning Council.

We were left with \$108,000 in unallocated funds. Boys and Girls Club were allocated \$10,000 for a peacekeeper program, and Urban Triage were given \$50,000 for community building and advocacy programs.

Neighborhood Center summer programming is being provided at 14 of the 15 City-funded centers. They are blended models with virtual and in-person programming. Most last 6-8 weeks. Meadowood Neighborhood Center will not be running any programs this summer. Staff and MMSD are trying to find ways to use the space.

The Community Based Crime Reduction grant reallocated unused funds to current and new contractors. The contracts will end December 31, 2020.

We have received two Center for Financial Empowerment grants. Financial Navigator Grant where staff are being trained to answer questions on the

impacts of the COVID pandemic. Summer Jobs Connect Grant where the Youth Employment Network, City and Summit Credit Union are creating programming for the summer of 2021 around financial literacy for youth workers.

The Dream Up Competition, Opportunity Calculator, is moving forward, and is a finalist.

The City is moving to a funding and recovery phase. The Funding and Steering Committee is comprised of seven different teams. CDD has been tasked with finding short and long term issues and solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Consuelo Lopez, seconded by Shiva Bidar to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.