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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE and
HOME PROGRAM JOINT MEETING
Minutes
July 8, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Anthony Kennedy, Alderperson David Paff, Alderperson Curt Wilson, Alderperson Kurt Wicklund, Anita Faraone, Ronald Frederick and Anderson Lattimore

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche and Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm by Alderperson Kennedy and roll was taken.

1. 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for the CDBG and HOME Programs. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Geliche and Mr. Maki gave a joint presentation of the proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Mr. Frederick asked how many attended the community forum portion and noted that this committee was not even informed. Mr. Geliche acknowledged there was a Staff error and this committee was not included on the list, but there were 552 invitations sent out with 31 people attending.

Mr. Lattimore asked if there was only one session, should you do more? Mr. Geliche said in other years they had various sessions they only had 42 people attending in all. Mr. Maki added that they also offered an online survey option to allow people to participate. Mr. Geliche noted the information was advertised on cable tv, two newspaper articles and with a flyer directly to interested parties.

Alderperson Kennedy asked how the data points were determined. Mr. Geliche said they looked at the trend and projected over the next 5 years.

Alderperson Paff asked where they obtained the number of the homeless and how they determined the bus routes. Mr. Geliche said the numbers were obtained from the shelter groups and the bus routes depend on the location and who they serve. Alderperson Paff asked if we could add routes. Mr. Geliche said they could if they worked with Transit and Administration.

A motion was made by Alderperson Kennedy and seconded by Alderperson Paff to approve the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

Public Comments

No Public comments.

Committee Comments

Alderperson Wilson asked how many City homes are left to sell. Mr. Maki said 11 homes total and we have an offer on 2 of them. Of the nine left after the offers, 2 are NSP houses and 7 are HOME houses.

Mr. Lattimore commended Staff on the Consolidated Plan. Ms. Faraone agreed.

Staff Comments

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Kennedy. The motion passed. (Ayes 7; Noes 0) The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

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STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche and Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Alderperson Kennedy and roll taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013 meeting. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Community Development Block Grant Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to nominate Alderperson Kennedy for Chairperson. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to nominate Alderperson Wilson for Vice-Chairperson. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

2. Request from the Urban League of Racine and Kenosha, Inc. to use funds outside the original Scope of Services. (2013 CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Yolanda Adams, Director of the Urban League, 4202 45th Street, explained the request for funds to secure a door. Previously, the Contractor built the vestibule, but it did not meet the City Building Codes and he had to remove it. The Contractor was not paid. Ms. Adams is requesting to use the funds to secure a different interior door near the front entrance to help secure an entrance to their office.

Public hearing closed.

Tony Geliche, Community Development Specialist, said the current Agreement balance is \$1,065. The current Agreement expired June 30, 2014. Because this request is outside of the approved Scope and Contract, the Committee must approve the request. If the funds are not used, they would be reallocated at a later date.

Ms. Faraone asked if the contractor was licensed and how an unapproved vestibule was built. Ms. Adams said there was miscommunication on both sides. Mr. Geliche explained there were misunderstandings between the development coordinator and the contractor.

Alderperson Kennedy asked if the Urban League contributed the \$500 they said they would. Ms. Adams said they did not need to because the estimate came in lower. Alderperson Kennedy said he will not support because it is outside of the original Scope of Work.

Mr. Frederick supports the project because we support physical improvements, it is consistent with tradition.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Wilson to deny the request to use the funds for other work.

Mr. Lattimore asked if they would use the same contractor to replace other other door. Mr. Geliche said we would have them do a re-bid. Mr. Lattimore asked if a building permit is needed. Mr. Geliche said we don't think so, but will get verification in writing. Mr. Lattimore asked why they would use the same contractor. Ms. Adams said there was a miscommunication, not poor work quality. Mr. Lattimore asked if the contractor was licensed. Ms. Adams said she did not know she had to verify that.

Alderperson Wilson asked if this request is denied, does the Urban League have the funds to use? Ms. Adams said yes.

Alderperson Wicklund asked what do you mean by setting a precedent? Alderperson Kennedy said we have not "changed" the scope of work of an Agreement since I have been on this Committee. Alderperson Wicklund said if this is denied, how soon could they reapply for funds? Alderperson Kennedy said the next funding cycle.

On the motion for denial, the motion failed. (Ayes 3, Noes 4)

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Alderperson Paff to approve the reallocation of funds to the Urban League. The motion passed. (Ayes 4, Noes 3)

3. Request from Women & Children's Horizons, Inc. to use funds outside the original Scope of Services. (2013 CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Beth Ballo, Director of Women & Children's Horizons, 2525 63rd Street, explained they received a grant for new windows. The bid received for the windows is substantially lower and they would like to use the remaining funds to address other security issues in the building. Ms. Ballo said they completed a security survey and found other issues.

Mr. Geliche said the original Agreement was for shelter windows and some exterior doors.

Alderperson Kennedy asked what is the cost to comply with the security survey. Ms. Ballo said she will submit a breakdown to Mr. Geliche. Alderperson Kennedy said this is a very different project than originally asked for and he won't support. Alderperson Kennedy said he will support if requested at next funding cycle.

Ms. Faraone supports this request because the remaining funds they want to use will compliment the original request for funds.

Alderperson Wilson doesn't support the request.

Alderperson Paff asked Ms. Ballo to reiterate the mission of Women & Children's Horizons. Ms. Ballo said to protect and comfort victims of domestic violence. Alderperson Paff asked if that means giving them a safe place? a secure place? Ms.

Ballo said yes and in recent years the danger has escalated. This request is very important. Alderperson Paff supports the request.

Mr. Lattimore asked why the security survey wasn't done earlier. Ms. Ballo said they had some training with the Police Department and they brought up the survey.

Ms. Faraone state the price of the windows was much less, why was this so far off? Mr. Geliche explained that initially the applicant gets an estimate from the contractor. When they are awarded the funding, they get a firm bid, which is more accurate and very competitive.

Alderperson Wicklund asked if the unused funds would be reallocated next year. Mr. Geliche said they accumulate unused funds until we have enough money to fund a project. We usually don't just add it to the next year.

Alderperson Kennedy said the Committee voted to fund the replacement of the windows and the camera request is entirely outside of the original request. If they submit the request during the next funding cycle, we will review the application then. Alderperson Kennedy asked how much of the HUD funds were used. Ms. Ballo said she is unsure how much money is left, but she will research and get the information.

Mr. Frederick asked if we could fund everything but the security cameras and landscaping as a compromise. This would mean to replace the window at the administration building for \$4,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick and seconded by Alderperson Wicklund to extend the scope to include facility improvements without the security cameras or landscaping.

Alderperson Wicklund asked how the applicant will pay for the gap between the received and what is actually needed. Ms. Ballo said they will submit other Grant proposals.

The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Comments

Mr. Geliche noted Staff is unsure when the new program year application will begin. It may be later this year.

Staff Comments

Alderperson Kennedy welcomed the new members.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Alderperson Wilson. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0). The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes
August 12, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Anthony Kennedy, Alderperson David Paff, Alderperson Curt Wilson, Alderperson Kurt Wicklund, Anita Faraone, Ronald Frederick and Anderson Lattimore

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche and Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderperson Kennedy and roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Wilson to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 and the Joint CDBG/HOME meeting of July 8, 2014 meeting as written. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

1. 2015 Community Development Block Grant Allocation Plan. PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing opened.

Karl Erickson, ECLA Urban Outreach, 2006 60th Street, said it is important to fund summer camps for middle school children, 6th and 7th Grades.

Mary Coffey, Kenosha Community Health Center, 625 57th Street, has a concern with the reduction in behavioral health services in the area.

Heather Lux, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative, 5627 47th Avenue, thanked the Committee for past support and would appreciate continued support.

Public hearing closed.

Tony Geliche, Community Development Specialist, noted the Consolidated Plan was recently adopted by the Common Council and gave an overview of the areas that could be revised and those that had limits.

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to keep the Funding Categories the same in 2015 as they were in 2014. This is 15% for Public Service, 20% for Planning & Management, and 65% for Housing & Neighborhood Improvement and Economic Development. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to delete the 2014 list of priorities and replace with those from the Executive Summary. The new priorities are: 1) *Provide decent affordable housing*; 2) *Create suitable living environments for low-to-moderate income persons*, 3) *Create economic opportunities*. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

Alderperson Kennedy guided the Committee to review how funds designated to be reprogrammed will be reallocated. Mr. Geliche noted that in the past we have done it a number of different ways.

Ms. Faraone said we should reallocate as we did in 2014. *All funds available for reprogramming during the 2014 program year are designated to be reprogrammed by*

the CDBG Committee as determined by the CDBG Committee.

Mr. Geliche asked for clarification, will the applicant apply once a year or will you allow them to reapply for the reprogrammed funds?

Aldersperson Paff asked if the Committee can modify the Allocation Plan if an emergency arises. Mr. Geliche said it would have to come to this Committee, have the comment period and then go to Finance and Council. Is is not a quick process. Aldersperson Kennedy asked Mr. Geliche if there was an emergency in the past. Mr. Geliche said that depends on what an emergency is. People call often looking for funds.

Aldersperson Wicklund asked what is the downside of having a second application period? Mr. Geliche said it would mean more time to review applications, attend meetings, hold interview, etc. Aldersperson Kennedy said he doesn't see a need at this time.

Mr. Frederick does not support having more than one application period at this time.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Aldersperson Wilson to keep reprogrammed funds to be reallocated as we did in 2014. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Aldersperson Wilson to adopt the Allocation Plan as amended. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

2. 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program Year Calendar.

Mr. Geliche explained the process and the upcoming meeting dates.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to receive and file the 2015 CDBG Program Calendar. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Comments

No Committee comments.

Staff Comments

Mr. Geliche reviewed the Conflict of Interest guidelines. HUD states that if you have a financial interest in group applying for the funds, you would have a conflict of interest. The City policies, however, state that if you sit on a non-profit and they request funding, you have a conflict of interest. The City asks that you do not comment, discuss nor recommend funding in that category.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Aldersperson Wilson. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0). The meeting adjourned at 5:31p.m.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Anthony Kennedy, Alderperson David Paff, Alderperson Curt Wilson, Alderperson Kurt Wicklund, Anita Faraone, Ronald Frederick and Anderson Lattimore

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Alderperson Kennedy and roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0)

1. Consideration of Proposals for Funding under the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program

Applicant: City of Kenosha - Public Works
Project: Street Improvements
Request: \$598,819.00

Mike Lemens, Director of Public Works was the representative. The funds would be used to do road reconstruction.

Question: What is the cost difference for the scope of services provided?

Answer: The roads are treated the same, difference comes with the width of the road, number of driveways or curb work and the gutter or drainage repairs.

Question: You are asking for \$598,819. How do you determine what you will do?

Answer: We pick the project using the funding we receive.

Question: Could you prioritize the three (3) streets listed?

Answer: That would be 24th Avenue, 31st Street and 26th Avenue.

Applicant: Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation
Project: Job Title: Business Owner
Request: \$125,000.00

Heather Lux, Director Southeast Director, was the representative. The funds would be used to assist in starting and expanding small businesses. Others in attendance were Jamie Charon-Director of Technical Assistance, Katherine Marks-Outreach Specialist, Edgar Espinosa-Loan Officer and Nicki Centeno-WWVIC Client-K9 Kibbles.

Question: How many applicants are currently out there?

Answer: We now have 2 applications pending and are working with 8 potential clients.

Question: When the loan is paid back is the money reallocated?

Answer: Yes.

Question: What are the terms and the amounts of the loans?

Answer: The businesses have 5 or fewer employees and the loan is up to \$15,000. WWBIC can add additional funds if necessary.

Question: What are the terms for the loan?

Answer: They are a 6 year loan and there is no payback penalty.

Question: Of the 27 businesses that you have helped over the years, how many are still in business?

Answer: There are only 3 that are no longer in business, but those loans were repaid.

Question: You have asked for \$55,000 for salaries.

Answer: The salaries are used to present the services, so it is part of the services.

Question: What type of fund raising do you do?

Answer: We are funded by grants rather than fundraisers.

Question: Are we reaching all of the low income people that we should?

Answer: We are doing outreach efforts to help here and target those areas that are under-served.

Question: How does the number of clients compare with the amount of money you loan? Is it a good return on investment?

Answer: Yes, these are micro businesses.

Question: What type of service does your advisory board provide?

Answer: They are the eyes and ears of the community. They provide suggestions for class locations and needs of the community

Applicant: Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc.
**Project: Renovation to Increase Behavioral Health Capacity
and Improve Health Outcomes**
Request: \$172,210.00

Mary Coffey was the representative. The funds would be used to increase the space in the medical clinic.

Question: Are your services in parallel with Kenosha County Health Department.

Answer: We don't duplicate, we try to enhance. We treat the entire person.

Question: Do you currently have behavioral health services?

Answer: Yes, limited.

Question: How many people have you served?

Answer: In 2013 we had 1,225 unduplicated clients and we would like to expand that by 300 clients.

Applicant: Kenosha Community Health Center, Inc.
**Project: Health Resources to Improve Patient Health Outcomes
in Kenosha's LMI Population**
Request: \$25,000.00

Mary Coffey was the representative. The funds would be used to expand psychiatric care and increase access to health services.

No questions.

Applicant: Kenosha Achievement Center, Inc.
Project: Building Security
Request: \$12,000.00

Christine Weyker was the representative. The funds would be used to enhance the building security with camera, intercom and key card access.

Question: Do you currently have any video security?

Answer: No.

Question: Is there a continuing cost?

Answer: No, we would take care of any minor continuing costs.

Applicant: Kenosha Achievement Center, Inc.
Project: Kenosha Dream Playground Project
Request: \$100,488.00

Christine Weyker was the representative and Tammy Conforti also spoke. The funds would be used for materials and supplies for the playground.

Question: Are the Corporate donations locked in?

Answer: No, but we are confident we will receive them.

Question: Are you looking for donations for equipment?

Answer: Yes.

Question: What if you don't get the total funds you are asking for?

Answer: We will raise the funds.

Applicant: Kenosha Achievement Center, Inc.
Project: Supported Self Employment
Request: \$20,000.00

Christine Weyker was the representative. Ms. Weyker withdrew the application.

Applicant: Women & Children's Horizons, Inc.
Project: Safety & Security
Request: \$30,000.00

Beth Ballo was the representative. Officer Ron Francis from Crime Prevention, also spoke. The funds would be used to decrease threats of perpetrators of domestic violence to WCH clients, Staff and residents.

Question: Are you in charge of canceling or reissuing the key cards?

Answer: Yes, it is a numerical card system that we would maintain.

Question: Did you have any other security surveys done?

Answer: We did have survey done, but the police report was the most comprehensive.

Question: Do the residents also carry key cards?

Answer: No, just Staff.

Question: There are 21 issues at the shelter and 15 issues at the administrative office. What have you done so far?

Answer: We tried to address the issues with the minimal costs. We addressed 6 issues at the administrative building and only the landscaping at the shelter.

Question: Do you control the system on site or does someone else monitor the system?

Answer: The system we currently use is monitored by Century.

Question: Who will set up the system?

Answer: The company we choose will set up the system.

Applicant: Women & Children's Horizons, Inc.
Project: Legal Advocacy Coordinator
Request: \$32,000.00

Erin Davis, the Program Development Coordinator was the representative. Jessica Krejcarek, Assistant District Attorney also spoke. The funds would be used to address the need to connect victims with support services.

Question: Why don't you refer people to legal aid?

Answer: Legal Aid refers the people to us for assistance.

Question: What would you do if you don't get all of the funding requested?

Answer: The Staff hours would be reduced and the victims would receive less help.

Question: You are an advocate in the DA's office, do you help anyone in Kenosha County? Do you receive funds from other people?

Answer: Approximately 70% or more of the victims are from the City and we do receive some other funding.

Question: Why isn't this position in the DA's budget?

Answer: We offer a different set of client privileges than if the victim goes to the DA's office.

Applicant: Walkin' In My Shoes, Inc.
Project: Home Improvement Project
Request: \$66,023.81

Jo Wynn was the representative. The funds would be used to rehab a home at 1420 60th Street that they received from Wells Fargo Bank. After the rehab this would be three (3) separate 2-bedroom apartments to rent to low income.

Question: Given the stage of development that Walkin' In My Shoes is at, is this a good time to go into the housing industry and become a landlord? Is this financially viable.

Answer: I see this as a blessing, as a great investment.

Question: Did Wells Fargo contact you with this property?

Answer: Yes, through an email.

Question: The Shalom Center is looking to establish a homeless shelter, would you support that shelter?

Answer: Yes, this house would be affordable housing, not a shelter.

Question: Would the three (3) tenants be paying rent?

Answer: Yes, enough to cover the utilities, taxes and upkeep.

Question: What if you don't receive this funding?

Answer: We would look to the community for help.

Question: Does the property have any value in its current condition? Could you sell for a profit?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Have you approached Habitat for Humanity to help with the rehab?

Answer: Yes, they said they would need the property in their name before they could help. They would also want to convert it into a single-family.

Question: You say this is a great investment, who is investing and who is benefiting?

Answer: It is an investment for the community. We are not looking to make money, just cover the maintenance costs.

Question: You said things are only cosmetic, but are there structural issues? is there

mold and lead?

Answer: We have already fixed the door. There could be mold and/or lead.

Question: Are there any HOME funds available for this rehab?

Answer: Mr. Geliche said this project would not fit under the current program description.

Question: Would you draw up leases for each tenant?

Answer: Yes, month to month.

Applicant: Walkin' In My Shoes, Inc.
Project: Street Outreach Program
Request: \$17,000.00

Jo Wynn was the representative. The funds would be used to assist the homeless youth, men, women and children living in on the streets.

No questions.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Comments

No Committee comments.

Staff Comments

Mr. Geliche said he contacted Bill Peterson with Habitat for Humanity and he will come tomorrow at 8:00 pm to do his presentation. He did not receive his notice to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderperson Wilson and seconded by Alderperson Wicklund. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0). The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 15, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Anthony Kennedy, Alderperson David Paff, Alderperson Curt Wilson, Alderperson Kurt Wicklund, Anita Faraone, Ronald Frederick and Anderson Lattimore

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alderperson Kennedy and roll call was taken.

1. Consideration of Proposals for Funding under the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program

Applicant: Urban League of Racine & Kenosha, Inc.
Project: Floor Covering Project
Request: \$5,000.00

Yolanda Adams was the representative. The funds would be used to replace the flooring in the receptionist area, hallways and kitchen.

No questions.

Applicant: Urban League of Racine & Kenosha, Inc.
Project: Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Awareness, Education and Training
Request: \$30,000.00

Yolanda Adams was the representative. The funds would be used to help with the education of the disease.

Question: How does this create economic opportunity, that you have listed?

Answer: Keeping the client healthy so they can maintain employment. This was the best category of the choices.

Question: If we give money for a salary, what would this person do?

Answer: Organize all the sickle cell events, distribute questionnaires and identify those at risk for sickle cell.

Question: Who would conduct the screenings and blood test?

Answer: The clinic that we refer the client to.

Question: How many employees do you have in Kenosha?

Answer: Just myself, part time. There are other interns and volunteers, but I am the only paid position. If this position is funded, it would be a full time position.

Question: Why did the Sickle Cell Foundation fold?

Answer: The people running the foundation were elderly and the foundation was struggling with funding.

Question: Were they doing advocacy or testing?

Answer: They would identify the clients at risk and then refer them for testing.

Question: Do you have someone in mind for the position?

Answer: We have two (2) possibilities.

Question: Would this be a one time request or back every year.

Answer: We would do fund raising to get money to support the position.

Question: You show revenue from Western Union and Check Free Pay, explain.

Answer: These items provide a service to the public and generate a revenue for the Urban League.

Question: Can you explain a blood test versus a screening?

Answer: The blood test is the first step. The screening is more expensive.

Question: Why would a person come in for a sickle cell information and why are you the only program educating people.

Answer: They come in because we are educating them. We want them to know as early as possible if they are at risk so they don't put others at risk.

Question: What would you do if you don't receive full funding?

Answer: We would continue with what we currently do.

Applicant: Urban League of Racine & Kenosha, Inc.
Project: Spanish Translation, Interpretation and Employment Assistance Program
Request: \$30,000.00

Yolanda Adams was the representative. The funds would be used to assist those deficient in the English language with translation and interpretation services.

Question: Where would the person with this salary be located?

Answer: Strictly in Kenosha.

Question: Would this position generate replacement funding for future years?

Answer: No.

Question: Could this be a part time position?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Did you check into working with the schools?

Answer: The schools come to me for assistance. They have limited Staff.

Applicant: ELCA Outreach Center
Project: Helping Residents Gain Life-Sustaining Employment
Request: \$33,300.00

Patricia Demos and Juan Torres were the representatives. The funds would be used to provide job readiness training and resources in English and Spanish.

Question: Is there a duplication of GED prep classes in Kenosha?

Answer: No one offers assistance in Spanish.

Applicant: Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha
Project: Increasing After School Opportunities for Kenosha's Youth
Request: \$100,000.00

Phil Wattles and Dennis Bedford were the representatives. The funds would be used to expand and broaden the Outreach services.

Question: Are there any statistics on the success of the after school activities and programs?

Answer: Yes, there have been studies done and I will provide Mr. Geliche with the information.

Question: Do you track the kids in sports?

Answer: No, there are too many kids. It is more advantageous tracking at-risk youth.

Question: How many employees do you have?

Answer: Full time we have 15; Part time approximately 60-65, not including the referees.

Question: How many positions will be funded if you received these funds.

Answer: The more dollars we receive, the more positions we can add.

Question: You noted there are 1,750 unduplicated people benefiting from your services, explain.

Answer: We get information, with prior consent from the person, from Kenosha Unified on the grades and attendance.

The Committee to a 5 minute recess.

Applicant: Kenosha YMCA
Project: Frank Neighborhood Parent Resource Center Project
Request: \$30,000.00

Cindy Altergott and Pastor William Harris were the representatives. The funds would be used to offer a Parent Resource Center to connect resources and service to the parents.

Question: What would the person in this position do?

Answer: Coordinate the workers in the Resource Center, follow up on inquiries and coordinate projects and workshops.

Question: You mentioned beautification projects, do you have a location?

Answer: The corner of 56th Street at about 17th or 18th Avenue is a corner that has overgrown brush and trees. We would like to cut this back so someone could not hide out in this area.

Question: Would the coordinator be working in the entire Frank Neighborhood area or just near the school?

Answer: The entire area.

Question: How many years has the Frank Neighborhood Project been receiving funding?

Answer: This is the 7th year.

Question: What are some of the older kids doing now? Do you track them?

Answer: We have looked into this, but just don't have enough Staff or time. We do reach out.

Question: Is there a separate Board of Directors for the Frank Neighborhood Project?

Answer: There is an Advisory Committee only. We will send this to Mr. Geliche.

Question: Your photo mapping project is also very interesting and helpful.

Answer: We will send that to Mr. Geliche as well.

Applicant: Kenosha Area Family & Aging Services, Inc.
Project: Volunteer Transportation Service
Request: \$5,000.00

Lauren Zielsdorf and Barb Tenuta were the representatives. The funds would be used to reimburse volunteers for mileage.

Question: What is the rate you charge?

Answer: For 10 miles or less it is \$4.50. Up to the first 25 miles it is \$.75 per mile one-way and after 25 miles it is calculated at \$.50 per mile one-way.

Question: Do you have age limits?

Answer: Seniors (over 50) and those with disabilities.

**Applicant: Kenosha County Interfaith Human Concerns Network
(Shalom Center)**
Project: Shalom Center Emergency Family Shelter
Request: \$50,000.00

Lisa Sanders and Fran Hansen were the representatives. The funds would be used to Staff the Family Shelter.

Question: Are your donations solid?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Are the INNS Programs affected by the Family Shelter?

Answer: We take people from the INNS Program and place them in the Family Shelter when space becomes available.

Question: They can stay in the family shelter for up to 90 days. What if they are not ready to move into their own housing after the 90 days?

Answer: This is a transitional program and most of the families are ready to move into other housing by that time. We have an 88% success rate.

Question: How do yo follow up with the clients after they leave?

Answer: We have no requirement to follow up with them. Some people come back to visit the shelter.

Question: Do you have repeat offenders?

Answer: Very few, maybe 10 families over the 14 years I have been there.

Question: Another source for you is Kenosha County Shares, is that a program?

Answer: Yes, the County provides some vouchers for food.

Applicant: Kenosha Literacy Council
Project: Literacy at Work
Request: \$7,500.00

Vince Incandela was the representative. The funds would be used to assist students to read, write and speak English.

No questions.

Applicant: Habitat for Humanity
Project: Habitat for Humanity - Affordable Housing
Request: \$88,069.00

Bob Petersen was the representative. The funds would be used in combination with the 2014 funds to do a complete rehab of a home.

Question: Could you help another non-profit to rehab a home?

Answer: The house would have to be donated to us.

Question: Would you be putting a lien on the house?

Answer: Mr. Geliche answered that through this program we would not put a lien on

the house. Habitat would rehab the house and sell it. The profit they make would be considered Program Income and would be used to rehab another house. As they do more projects, they would accumulate more income.

Question: As you accumulate more income that fund would grow. Would you cap it at some point?

Answer: That would be up to the Committee.

Question: Would there be HOME Program funds to assist in the rehab.

Answer: Mr. Geliche answered that they would be eligible for CHDO funds for rehab.

Applicant: City of Kenosha
Project: Elimination of Blighted Structures
Request: \$100,000.00

Tony Geliche was the representative. The funds would be used to eliminate blight in neighborhoods by funding the raze of housing/buildings.

Question: Who owns the structures you are proposing to raze?

Answer: Some are owned by individuals, estates, banks or corporations.

Question: Are the property taxes paid up to date?

Answer: Some are, but approximately 75% are not.

Question: How many homes are uninhabited in the City?

Answer: We don't know.

Applicant: City of Kenosha
Project: Program Administration/Comprehensive Planning
Request: \$184,253.00

Tony Geliche was the representative. The funds would be used to directly off-set the budget to administer the CDBG Program and for Comprehensive Planning.

No questions.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Comments

Mr. Frederick asked to what extent do we require a 20% match of funds. Mr. Geliche said there is no match requirement. Mr. Frederick said we may want to consider this in the future. Mr. Geliche said when we set the Allocation Plan we could add this.

Mr. Lattimore thanked the Committee and Staff for their work.

Alderperson Paff thanked the Committee and Staff for their work.

Alderson Wicklund thanked the Committee and Staff for their work.

Alderson Wilson said he will not be able to attend the Allocation meeting on Tuesday, but will provide his comments.

Ms. Faraone thanked the Committee and Staff for their work.

Alderson Kennedy thanked the Committee and Staff for their work.

Staff Comments

Mr. Geliche said he will send all Committee members a spreadsheet tomorrow where they can make their recommendations. Please return the spreadsheet by noon on Tuesday, October 21st.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore. The motion passed. (Ayes 7, Noes 0). The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Kay Schueffner, Community Development & Inspections

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 21, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderperson Anthony Kennedy, Alderperson David Paff, Alderperson Kurt Wicklund, Anita Faraone, Ronald Frederick and Anderson Lattimore

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderperson Curt Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Geliche and Mike Maki

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Alderperson Kennedy and roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Paff to approve the minutes of the October 14 and 15, 2014 meetings as written. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

1. Project Funding under the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program

Public Service Category

A motion was made by Alderperson Paff and seconded by Mr. Frederick to approve the Kenosha County Interfaith Network-Shalom Center for \$50,000.

Alderperson Wicklund said he is looking to fund KCIN at half that amount and he is looking for other feedback.

Ms. Faraone said she would also like to reduce the amount and have them do more fund raising.

Alderperson Kennedy said he will not support the \$50,000, but would support the consensus amount and would like to see KCIN do more fund raising.

Mr. Frederick and Mr. Lattimore said the \$25,000 amount is more in line with the total amount of funds available.

The motion failed. (Ayes 2; Noes 4) Wicklund, Faraone, Lattimore and Kennedy voted No.

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Mr. Frederick to fund the **Kenosha County Interfaith Network-Shalom Center for \$25,000**. A friendly Amendment was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to change the amount to \$24,527. The motion passed. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **Kenosha Area Family & Aging for \$5,000**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **Kenosha Literacy Council for \$7,313**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund **Walkin' In My Shoes--Street Outreach for \$11,071**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6; Noes 0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **Urban League-Translation for \$8,143**.

Mr. Lattimore said with the absence of the Spanish Center, the limited services from Kenosha Unified and the growing Hispanic population, there is a need for this program. Alderperson Kennedy agreed with the need.

Alderperson Wicklund asked Staff if the reduced amount would be beneficial to the Urban League. Tony Geliche, Community Development Specialist, said this would be a question for the Urban League. Alderperson Wicklund asked Urban League representative Yolanda Adams if the amount of \$8,143 is beneficial to the program? Ms. Adams said they could help a number of people with that amount.

The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick and seconded by Alderperson Wicklund to fund **ELCA Urban Outreach for \$10,099**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **Kenosha YMCA-Frank Neighborhood Project for \$17,884**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Frederick to fund the **Boys and Girls Club for \$31,527**.

Mr. Lattimore asked the Boys and Girls Club representative, Phil Wattles, if the reduced amount would be helpful. Mr. Wattles said absolutely.

The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to fund Women & Children's Horizons-Legal Advocacy Coordinator for \$16,429. Alderperson Kennedy suggested to fund this program higher than the consensus amount. Alderperson Wicklund and Mr. Lattimore withdrew their motion for \$16,429 and made a new motion to fund **Women & Children's Horizons-Legal Advocacy Coordinator for \$20,000**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Paff to fund **Kenosha Community Health Center-Health Resources for \$2,627**.

Mr. Frederick said this money would be used as a contingency fund, which is important. Would the reduced amount of \$2,627 be useful to the agency? Mary Coffey, representative from KCHC said yes, they could make use of the money.

Alderperson Kennedy said he will not support the reduced funding amount.

Ms. Faraone said we have been very generous to Women & Children's Horizons and we could reduce their funding back to the average amount and use that to fund someone else.

The motion passed. (Ayes 4, Noes 2) Wicklund and Kennedy voted no.

Housing, Neighborhood Improvement/Economic Development Category

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to fund the **Kenosha Achievement Center - Building Security for \$8,571**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Alderperson Paff to fund the City of Kenosha - Street Improvements for \$327,000.

Mr. Frederick said the consensus funding was \$380,000.

Ms. Faraone asked if the maker if he would reduce the amount to \$300,000. Alderperson Wicklund said not at this time.

The motion failed. (Ayes 3, Noes 3) Faraone, Lattimore and Kennedy voted no.

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Mr. Frederick to fund the **Kenosha Achievement Center-Dream Playground for \$43,000**.

Alderperson Wicklund does not agree funding this project because the City has already supported the project.

The motion passed. (Ayes 5, Noes 1) Wicklund voted no.

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **City of Kenosha - Elimination of Blighted Structures for \$75,429**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Alderperson Paff and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund **Women & Children's Horizons - Facility Security for \$21,071**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone to fund WWBIC for \$50,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to fund **WWBIC for \$65,000**. The motion passed. (Ayes 5, Noes 1) Frederick voted no.

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund **Habitat for Humanity for \$51,234**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone to fund Kenosha Community Health Center - Facility Improvements for \$22,000. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Alderperson Paff to fund **Kenosha Community Health Center - Facility Improvements for \$26,000**.

Ms. Faraone said she originally reduced the amount to allow some money for street improvements.

Mr. Frederick said the original request is for \$172,000, if we fund them for the consensus amount, \$35,000, it would fund a good portion.

The motion passed. (Ayes 4, Noes 2) Frederick and Kennedy voted no.

A motion was made by Alderperson Wicklund and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to fund the **City of Kenosha - Street Improvements for \$308,514**. Ms. Faraone asked if this motion passed zero out Walkin' In My Shoes-Home Improvement and Urban League-Floor Covering. Alderperson Kennedy said yes. The motion passed. (Ayes 5, Noes 1) Frederick voted no.

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick to fund Walkin' In My Shoes - Home Improvement for \$7,000 - urging a match on a two for one basis from Wells Fargo for the same amount. The motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Frederick and seconded by Alderperson Paff to fund Urban League - Floor Covering for \$5,000 - taking the funds from the City of Kenosha - Street Improvements allocation. The motion failed. (Ayes 3, Noes 3) Wicklund, Faraone and Lattimore voted no.

A motion was made by Mr. Lattimore and seconded by Ms. Faraone to fund the **Urban League - Floor Covering for \$5,000 - Taking \$2,000 from Kenosha Achievement Center - Dream Playground; Taking \$2,000 from WWBIC; and Taking \$1,000 from Habitat for Humanity**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0) *[This reduces Kenosha Achievement Center - Dream Playground to \$41,000; WWBIC to \$63,000; and Habitat for Humanity to \$50,234.]*

Planning/Management Category

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to fund **City of Kenosha - Program Administration/Comprehensive Planning for \$184,253**. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore to approve the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program funding as recommended. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0)

Public Comments

The following thanked that Committee for their support:

- Kim Vitale/Habitat for Humanity, 7926 28th Avenue
- Heather Lux/WWBIC, 5627 47th Avenue
- Yolanda Adams/Urban League, 4202 45th Street
- Tammy Conforti/Dream Playground, 7906 35th Court
- Kim Bruning/Women & Children's Horizons, 28507 206th Street, Trevor
- Beth Ballo/Women & Children's Horizons, 2526 63rd Street

Committee Comments

No Committee Comments.

Staff Comments

Mr. Geliche noted the proposed funding will be reviewed at the City Plan Commission on November 20, 2014. The proposal will then go to the Finance Committee and the Common Council on December 1, 2014.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Mr. Lattimore. The motion passed. (Ayes 6, Noes 0). The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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