

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CD Committee)
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
ROOM 402 – FOURTH FLOOR – CITY HALL**

Present: Joseph Matthes, Theresa Bobula, Patricia Tyler, Jennifer Baumann, Deborah Crow Dog, DeAnne Westermann

Absent: Jennifer Murphy, Scott Wallschlaeger, Scott Christensen Ron Boshey, Bill Kimbler

Staff: Keith Hamre, Char McLennan

Roll Call: 6 present, 5 absent,

1. Approve Meeting Summary from December 2, 2008

Motion by J. Baumann, seconded by T. Bobula, to approve the December 2, 2008 meeting summary. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing on 2009 Citizen Participation Plan

The Committee Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. Keith Hamre explained the changes made to the Citizen Participation Plan, which included elimination of CD members representing Neighborhood Districts (committee members will all be “at large” from now on). The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak.

Hearing none, a motion was made by T. Bobula and seconded by J. Baumann to approve the changes to the Citizen Participation Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

3. Update on FY 2009 Grant Amounts (CDBG, HOME, ESGP)

Keith reported that the city received notice of the 2009 allocations for CDBG (\$2,838,073—lower than projected), HOME (\$817,387—higher than projected) and ESG (\$125,000—same). In addition, Keith informed committee members that the City will receive \$760,123 in federal stimulus funds. He also noted that Mayor Ness has asked that the CD Committee consider using approximately \$400,000 of that for the renovation of the elevators in City Hall to improve the accessibility of the building. Keith also announced that the City would be receiving other stimulus funds, allocated through the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,162,000 to be used for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing of homeless individuals and families. He noted that some of these funds may be used to provide additional support to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program, and in place of using current HOME funds.

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- 3. Update on FY 2009 Grant Amounts (CDBG, HOME, ESGP) (cont.)**
Other program uses for these funds have yet to be determined. Finally, Keith informed the committee that the City would be receiving an additional \$1.6 million through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), for which the City applied to the State with St. Louis County. These funds are targeted for foreclosure prevention and to address other foreclosure related problems.
- 4/5. Review of 2010 Process Time Line and 2009 CD Committee Meeting Schedule and Discussion and Evaluation of Application Process**
The committee worked with Keith to set a preliminary timeline for 2009, which would include five community forums to be held in May—one of which would be facilitated by the CD Committee (at Harrison Community Center). Forums would be held on 5/5, 5/7, 5/12, 5/14 and 5/19. Public Hearings are being scheduled for April and May to revise the Consolidated Plan to reflect the additional funding (explained above) and associated projects. June's meeting will also include the annual Public Hearing for the CAPER review and comment. Then in early July, applications will go out. The committee will need to meet in July (28th) to review funding priorities and strategies. The committee then recommended either August 31st or September 1st as the dates for applications to be submitted for review. The committee would then meet in late September and early October to review applications with staff, and again in October to review funding recommendations with the CD Manager before presenting recommendations to the public at the October 27th meeting. The Committee decided to hold the Public Hearing on the FY 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan in December rather than in January, as was done in 2008.
- 6/7. Discussion of 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, Core Values and Vision Statement:** Committee members reviewed and discussed a handout that outlined the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan process. As a start to the planning process members reviewed the Mission Statement, discussed community input, the development of goals and strategies and performance measures.
- 8. Review Affordable Housing Strategy**
Keith provided information about an affordable housing strategy that would streamline the current housing rehab process and make it more efficient and cost effective. The new process would use a one Program Administrator and Rehab Manager who would each work with the multiple housing rehab service providers. Keith will be meeting later this week with At Home partners and with other entities over the next couple of weeks to discuss some of these changes.

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9. Election of Officers

The election of officers was postponed until because a number of members were absent from the March meeting. Elections will be conducted at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2009.