



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, March 13, 2023, 4:15 P.M.
COMMISSION ROOM, CITY HALL
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Call to Order:

Chairman Charles Davis called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Board members present in the commission chambers:

Chairman Charles Davis Vice Chairman Ralph Taylor Sr Paula Rose Jauernig Tony Majors Mary Mack
Mike Seufert

Board members absent:

Brian Keeley

City Staff members present:

Community Development Coordinator, Julie McKeel

Approval of the February 13, 2023 minutes:

Board Member Mary Mack called a motion to approve the minutes, as presented.

Seconded by Board Member Ralph Taylor.

Approved by a vote of 6-0

Public Service Agencies to Present:

- **Casa** – presented by Kelly Meyer
Three Different Programs serve children who have been a victim of crime, victim of child abuse, or within a custody battle. Programs provide advocacy in the court, ongoing advocacy services, and parenting classes. Tour was offered to CDAB.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - Board Member Sr Paul Rose Jauernig inquired about the children going to regular school.
 - Board Member Charles Davis requested a “good news” story from each agency.
 - Board Member Ralph Taylor asked if CASA had enough staff and volunteers.
 - Board Member Mary Mack inquired about training for volunteers & clarification on the judge’s decisions.
 - Questions answered by Kelly Meyer.
- **Catholic Charities of NE KS** – Jackson Masoner & Thom Fox
Thanked CDAB for their support in the past. Different funding sources for rehousing and keeping them housed. Direct financial assistance is provided for utilities to keep people housed. Case Management, stability, budgeting, clothing, household items, application completion, and food pantry served over 10,000 people, home delivery food services for seniors, financial teaching, & employment assistance. 40 volunteers last year. 3 fulltime employees & 3 part time. Inflation on food was expressed.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - Board Member Charles Davis requested a “good news” story from each agency.

- Board Member Ralph Taylor asked about screening processes for volunteers.
 - Board Member Sr Paul Rose Jauernig inquired about duplication of services from other agencies.
 - Question answered by Jackie Masoner & Thom Fox. Myranda Agnew joined to answer duplication.
- **Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope – Myranda Agnew**
 Main program is the day and night shelter. Served 210 unique individuals this last year. A much younger population has been trending. 27 kids under age of 18 and 20 of them were under the age of 9. Free lunch to entire community and served 17,000 meals last year. Free transportation, just under 1,000 rides. Welcome Central served over 300 clients. 2 full time staff members and 9 part time. On-site case manager for mental health from The Guidance Center. Also, substance abuse case manager, hair-cuts, and free medical care.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - None
- **The Guidance Center – Rachel Sweet**
 Only community mental health center regardless of ability to pay & runs the only volunteer crisis unit in Leavenworth. Behavior health therapy and psychiatric services for outpatient, individual, family & school based therapy. Case management, attended care, psychosocial services, crisis services, autism testing, & medication management. Transportation program starts in April. Served 4,270 clients and Leavenworth made up 2,701 of those served last year. Added 5 school based therapists, case manager at the homeless shelter, medication assisted treatment program to help with opioid crisis.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - Board Member Mary Mack asked if they moved into the Old Cushing Building.
 - Question answered by Rachel Sweet.
- **Alliance Against Family Violence – Michael Trapp**
 39 year history in Leavenworth as domestic violence and sexual assault service center with 24 hour hotline and emergency shelter that serves as a transitional facility to perm housing. Serve individuals and families. Crisis intervention provided via phone and in person. Support groups, counseling, advocacy services, & medical services. Transportation offered when able, 13 full time staff. Volunteer program training is 40 hours. Agency closed in 2017 and reopened in 2019. 49 served with shelter services and 119 non-residential.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - Board Member Charles Davis requested a “good news” story from each agency.
 - Question answered by Michael Trapp.
- **Saint Vincent Clinic – Beth Watkins & Richard Martin**
 99% of patients are uninsured. 27% of patients were unstably housed. Served over 300 patients last year for medical care. Vaccines provided and Covid testing. Pharmaceutical assistance program provided just under \$1million worth of medications to Leavenworth Citizens, 200 patients. Screenings to determine nonmedical needs and connect to resources. Partners with U of St Mary for physical therapy, Cleveland State for chiropractic care, The Guidance Center provides mental health, Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope & Catholic Charities.
 - Questions from CDAB:
 - Board Member Charles Davis requested a “good news” story from each agency.
 - Question answered by Beth Watkins.

Discussion of Scoring Sheets & Aggregate:

Mrs. McKeel reviewed the aggregate information of the score sheets to the CDAB Members for them to be able to make decisions on funding. It was expressed this is CDAB’s decision. The funding amount available is \$51,013, in total, for all agencies. CDAB discussed.

Voting on funding:

Tony Majors has recused himself from discussion or voting on funding.

CASA, Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope, St Vincent Clinic, The Guidance Center, & Alliance Against Family Violence, to each receive \$8,642.60
Catholic Charities to receive \$7,800.00

Board Member Mike Seufert called a motion to the agreed funding.
Seconded by Board Member Sr Paula Rose Jauernig.
Approved by a vote of 5-0

Discussion of possible changes to PSA application & award:

Mrs. McKeel asked for Board Members to offer changes they may want for next year.
Board Member Sr Paula Rose Jauernig advised more interested in who are the agencies serving and what they are doing with funds. She would like more information on how many served.
Mrs. McKeel advised she will make applications clear next year that the applications clearly state the Leavenworth City resident count the agency serves.
Board Member Tony Majors wants to see the impact and leveraging information made clear.

Discussion of possible changes to Home Repair Program:

Mrs. McKeel shared radon information discussed & how it may create changes to the Home Repair Program.

Other Matters:

Board Member Tony Majors advised he will not be in town for the 4-10-23 meeting. Chairman Charles Davis asked if there was ability to have Tony Majors call in or Zoom. Mrs. McKeel will check with the Public Information Officer. Board Member Mike Seufert may possibly be out of town, as well. Mary Mack may possibly be on vacation.

The Home Ownership Program will be presented at Keller Williams Realty on 3-14-23 by Mrs. McKeel.

The 2023 Annual Action Plan was posted on March 10th on the City's website, Leavenworth Public Library, and at the Community Development Office.

Next Meeting:

April 10, 2023 @ 4:15pm with a public hearing for approval or disapproval of the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Board Member Sr Paul Rose Jauernig motioned to adjourn.
Board Member Mary Mack second.
Approved by a vote of 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.
Minutes taken by Community Development Coordinator, Julie McKeel