

Community Development Advisory Board

Work Session Notes

March 12, 2018

Board members present: Mike Seufert, Steve Kempf, Charles Davis, Sr. Paula Rose Jauernig, Bobbie Snyder, and Margaret McKane. Board member Kathryn Schiller was absent. Staff members present were Community Development Coordinator Mary Dwyer and Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.

Staff/board discussion: 2018-19 Annual Action Plan

The action plan funding has covered demolition of dangerous structures, home repair, home ownership, public service agencies, and administration. Ms. Dwyer informed the board there has been an increase in people applying for the home ownership program. Board member discussions focused on the allocation of funding for the various categories. The board recommends demolition of dangerous structures is handled by the City. Ms. Dwyer will take this recommendation to the City Manager and City Commission.

Discussions about public agencies focused on two specific agencies: Faith Christian Center International (FCCI) and The Guidance Center. FCCI's application was incomplete. The guidelines state incomplete applications will not be reviewed. After discussion, the board was in consensus not to consider FCCI's application this year. A letter will be sent to FCCI explaining the reason(s) why the application was not considered.

The Guidance Center requested funds for debt forgiveness. CDBG funds for public agencies are for rent and utility assistance only. No consensus was reached concerning The Guidance Center funds. CDAB will evaluate at the next meeting.

Ms. Dwyer noted this is the second year the Youth Support Program did not come to the CDAB meeting to give their presentation. Furthermore, they had late reports, there are some financial concerns, and there has been a drop in the number of people served.

The Alliance Against Family Violence contacted the Community Development Coordinator stating they are working with a State agency to get up and running again. They have requested the 2017-18 funding which has been awarded to them; however, they are only requesting funding for utilities. They do not plan on applying for 2018-19 funding.

A question was asked about the total funds available for 2018-19 year. Ms. Dwyer explained the proposed budget for the 2018-19 year is \$45,777. The federal government only allows 15% of the CDBG funds to be awarded to public service agencies. It was asked if the Welcome Central contract is included in the 15%. Ms. Dwyer responded in the affirmative.

Board members will complete the matrix for public agencies and submit to Ms. Dwyer by Friday, March 16, 2018. The allocation of funds will be discussed at the next CDAB meeting, April 9, 2018.

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