MEETING MINUTES
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 7:30 pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Aldermanic Library


Members Absent: none

Staff Present: S. Flax, A. Jacobs

Presiding Member: Ald. Rainey, Chair

Declaration of Quorum
There being a quorum, Chairman Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2015 CDBG FUNDING—COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Rainey moved to fund CDBG Administration & Planning $300,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Ald. Burrus moved to fund Target Area Graffiti Removal $30,000, seconded by Braithwaite. Passed by voice vote, with Ald. Wilson opposed.

Ald. Holmes moved to fund the Mayor’s Youth Summer Employment Program / Certificate of Rehab Program $50,000, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed.

Chair Rainey moved to fund Evanston Scholars $6,000 and Youth Action Ministry $3,500, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Discussion on the motion amongst the committee revolved around the potential for collaboration amongst both programs, as their target audience and intent is similar, yet they offer different resources to area youth. The committee agreed they felt both programs were important and future collaboration is expected. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Family Focus $19,000, seconded by Rainey. Motion passed.

Chair Rainey moved to not fund the Have Dreams/Helping Autistic Voices’ SCILS program, seconded by Burrus. Motion passed, with Ald. Wilson and Ald. Braithwaite opposed.

Ald. Burrus moved to fund Open Communities $10,000, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed.

Ald. Burrus moved to fund Legal Assistance Foundation $6,000, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed.

Ald. Burrus moved to fund Meals at Home $15,000, seconded by Ald. Wilson. Motion passed.
Ald. Wilson moved to fund Moran Center for Youth Advocacy $25,000, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund North Shore Senior Center $15,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion Passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Open Studio Project $4,000, seconded by Holmes. Motion passed.

Ald. Braithwaite moved to fund Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse $15,000, S. Opdycke seconded. The committee discussed the fact that the organization is fairly new to CDBG and some committee members recommended lower funding amounts. Motion failed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse $10,000, seconded by S. Opdycke. Motion failed with tie vote.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse $7,500, seconded by S. Opdycke. Motion passed with J. Sanke opposed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Housing Options for the Mentally Ill $15,000, Ald. Holmes seconded. Motion passed.

Ald. Holmes moved to fund the Youth Job Center $20,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund the YWCA $24,000, seconded by Burrus. Motion passed with J. Sanke and Ald. Holmes opposed.

Members of the committee discussed how to trim $17,500 from the Public Services category, as it was over the 15% "cap" as imposed by HUD.

Ald. Wilson moved to take $17,500 from the Mayor’s Summer Youth / Certificate of Rehab programs and allocate $2,500 to the Have Dreams / Helping Autistic Voices program. It was pointed out that there was still a gap of $2,500. Ald. Wilson amended his motion to take $20,000 (thereby reducing the total allocation to $40,000), Ald. Braithwaite seconded. Motion failed, with Ald. Wilson and Ald. Braithwaite in favor.

Ald. Holmes moved to take $10,000 from the Mayor’s Summer Youth / Certificate of Rehab programs and $7,500 from the Target Area Graffiti Removal, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed with Ald. Wilson opposed.

Chair Rainey discussed the staff recommendations that some applications may be better funded by non-federal sources due to the nature of the program or project and the compliance restrictions and reporting requirements. Chair Rainey moved to fund City Health Department’s Safe and Healthy Homes at $0, citing that is may be better funded from a non-federal source, seconded by Ald. Wilson. Motion passed.

J. Sanke moved to fund the Department of Community Development’s Housing Rehab Loan Fund Recapitalization $100,000, seconded by Ald. Wilson. Motion passed.

J. Sanke moved to fund Rimland Services’ request for the Hartrey South Increased Accessibility housing project to be funded as needed, but through the housing rehabilitation program, thereby not allocating any funds from 2015 CDBG, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.
J. Sanke moved to fund Shore Community Services’ Bathroom Remodel at Judson Condo project to be funded as needed, but through the housing rehabilitation program, thereby not allocating any funds from 2015 CDBG, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Chair Rainey moved to fund Housing Rehabilitation Administration $187,916, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

J. Sanke moved to fund Targeted Area Code Enforcement $365,000, no second. Motion failed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Targeted Area Code Enforcement $325,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Ald. Braithwaite moved to fund Family Focus’ Center Repairs $60,000, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund YMCA’s Mosaic Room Bathroom Remodeling $60,000, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed.

Chair Rainey moved to not fund CJE Senior Life’s Howard Street Mural out of CDBG, but rather send the item to both the Public Art Committee as well as the Economic Development Committee, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed. Chair Rainey expressed her support for the project, but felt that due to possible eligibility concerns and other federal requirements CDBG may not be a good fit for the project. She offered her support in helping them pursue the other funding sources.

Ald. Burrus moved to move $52,000 from prior year funding previously allocated and an additional $30,000 in new funding to Y.O.U. for the soft costs associated with building their new headquarters, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed.

Chair Rainey moved to fund the Public Works Church and Brown Parking Lot Project at $0, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Ald. Braithwaite moved to fund Foster Field Athletic Lighting Renovations $100,000, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed.

J. Sanke moved to fund Penny Park $0, seconded by Ald. Burrus. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to reallocate $50,000 of prior year funds that were allocated to Penny Park to the Foster Field project, as Penny Park is no longer eligible based on updated HUD data, seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund SNAP Lighting $75,000, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

Ald. Burrus requested more information from Public Works staff regarding the request amounts for each Public Works project. Staff noted the Foster Field project work for 2015 was design-only, which would cost $25,000. The additional funds requested were for construction, which would commence in 2016. Chair Rainey moved to amend Foster Field’s funding to $25,000, seconded by Ald. Wilson. Motion passed.

Ald. Holmes moved to fund Public Work’s Alley Paving Program $200,000, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed.
Chair Rainey moved to fund Alley Special Assessment Program $10,000, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund Public Works Block Curb, Sidewalk and ADA Ramps project $99,711, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

Ald. Wilson moved to fund the Economic Development Loan Fund $20,000, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite. Motion passed.

Having no further discussion on the allocations, Ald. Burrus moved to fund the entire allocation of $1,755,111, seconded by Ald. Holmes. Motion passed.

See attached spreadsheet for all allocations.

STAFF/CITIZEN COMMENT
S. Flax stated we were going to submit our allocations by percentages this year, to better align with HUD plan format and reporting.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Ald Rainey moved to adjourn the meeting on a motion made by J. Sanke. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
April Jacobs
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