



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, City Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Rainey, Ald. Holmes, Ald. Wilson, S. Jones, G. Mackey, M. Miro, J. Sanke,

Members Absent: Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Miller, C. Goddard

Presiding Member: Ald. Rainey, Committee Chair

Staff: S. Flax, N. Holden-Corbett

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#### **Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum**

Chair Rainey declared a quorum of the Housing and Community Development Act Committee and the Mental Health Board and called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

#### **2017 CDBG Program – Review of Applications**

Chair Rainey explained that the Housing & Community Development Act Committee would hear presentations from agencies seeking Community Development Block Grant funding for 2017. Applicants would respond to questions from the committee. Applicants were requested to provide information not contained in their application. Presenters should provide their name and contact information so people watching can contact them for services, to volunteer or donate.

Agencies were given 5 minutes to present their applications and field questions from Committee. Agencies, programs and funding requests are listed below.

- Interfaith Action: Presentation by Sue Murphy, Executive Director  
Emergency Overnight Shelter  
CDBG request: \$20,000
- Evanston Scholars: Presentation by Steve Newman, Executive Director  
College Readiness Program  
CDBG request: \$10,000
- Youth Job Center of Evanston: Presentation by Karen Demorest, Executive Director, and Precious Wright, Assistant Program Manager, out of School Youth Youth Employment Services  
CDBG request: \$50,000
- YWCA Evanston-North Shore: Presentation by Karen Singer, CEO

Domestic Violence Services  
CDBG request: \$35,000

- Open Communities: Presentation by Laura Kochevar, Manager of Communications & Development  
Home Sharing  
CDBG request: \$12,000
- Infant Welfare Society: Presentation by Stephen Vick, Executive Director  
Baby Toddler Nursery Refurbishments  
CDBG request: \$80,000
- Children's Home & Aid Society: Presentation by Keith Polan, Center Director  
Rice Center Improvements  
CDBG request: \$77,310
- Reba Early Learning Center: Presentation by Bettye Cohns, Executive Director  
Building and Grounds Improvements  
CDBG request: \$58,000
- Ridgeville Park District: Presentation by Brian Rosinski, Executive Director,  
Natalie Sallee, Programs Director  
Brummel Park Play Circuit Replacement  
CDBG request: \$79,000
- CJE SeniorLife: Presentation by Melissa Gelfand, Director of Adult Day Services  
Awning Replacement  
CDBG request: \$1,255
- Youth & Opportunity United: Presentation by Seth Green, Executive Director,  
Clarence Weaver, Board Member and owner of C&W Market  
Parking Lot Renovation  
CDBG request: \$75,000

Staff noted that based on the nature and the very small size of the CJE SeniorLife project, it may not qualify as a capital improvement under HUD regulations. Ald. Holmes noted that it may be eligible for the Economic Development Storefront Improvement Program. Staff will provide information to ED staff to determine its eligibility for support through that program.

### **Staff Report**

Staff provided a brief update on the status of the 2016 CDBG program and that the committee would meet on September 27, 2016 to make CDBG funding recommendations using an estimated 2017 CDBG grant amount. The estimated allocations would be used in the draft 2017 Action Plan that will be posted for the 30-day public comment period on October 14. As in prior years, the federal government will not approve the 2017 budget or appropriations for HUD and other agencies by the start of its fiscal year on October 1. The draft Action Plan will include the process that will be

used to update it following receipt of the City's entitlement grant amounts, which is expected to be in 2017.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Rainey called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Ms. Sanke and seconded by Ald. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Holden-Corbett  
Grants and Compliance Specialist