



Community Development Council (CDC) Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2017

Great Falls Civic Center, Rainbow Room

Maria Porter called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and took roll call.

Roll Call	
Community Development Council Members:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Buckridge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Craig Nowak
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Fines
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wolff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harmony Wolfe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neil Fortier
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Schmidt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Sutinen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	William Raaen

Others Present:

Maria Porter, City of Great Falls (City) Planning & Community Development
Department, CDBG/HOME Administrator

Tom Micuda, City Planning and Community Development Department, Deputy Director

Fred Burow, City of Great Falls Commissioner

A. **Public Comment** (agenda items)

Opportunity for public comment was given. No comment was made.

B. **Action Taken**

Motion to approve minutes with no changes from the 2/8/17 meeting was made by Jennifer Fines. Motion seconded by Craig Nowak. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.

C. **Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Timekeeper**

With unanimous approval from all attending members, Harmony Wolfe was elected CDC chair, Neil Forier was elected vice-chair. No timekeeper was designated, but Neil Fortier volunteered to keep time for the presentations.

D. **CDBG Grant Application Presentations**

- Center for Mental Health
- Paris Gibson Square
- YWCA
- Quality Life Concepts
- GF Public Works
- Opportunities Inc.

- Family Promise
- GF Park & Rec: Community Rec Center Accessibility & Scholarships
- GF Park & Rec: Gibson Park & Park Sidewalks
- GF Planning and Community Dev: Code Enforcement & Revolving Loan Fund Admin.

E. CDC Discussion

The CDC discussed elements of the ten presentations given during the day that raised questions. Discussion centered on whether the City could find a way to fund some CDBG requests through general fund money rather than through using block grants. Additionally, there was discussion on whether the City should be given a set percentage of available funds rather than on a project by project basis. Follow up material was requested and will be provided by Maria Porter before the next meeting.

F. Public Comment (any public matter not on agenda but within agency jurisdiction)

Opportunity for public comment was given. No comment was made.

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

H. Next CDC meeting

The next CDC meeting will be held on February 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Great Falls Civic Center.

Minutes Approved: Motion to approve minutes as written and seconded on February 21, 2017.