



Community Development Council (CDC)

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2016

Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room

Jolene Schalper called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and took roll call.

Roll Call	
Community Development Council Members:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Pretat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jolene Schalper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Fines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyler Hentzen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Fink
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harmony Wolfe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neil Fortier
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beth Schmidt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Sutinen
<input type="checkbox"/>	William Raaen

Others Present:

Jolene Wetterau, City of Great Falls (City) Planning & Community Development Department, CDBG/HOME Grant Administrator

Gregory Gordos, City Planning & Community Development Department, City Planner

Criag Raymond, Planning & Community Development Department, Director

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 17, 2016, CDC meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Dave Fink and seconded by Steve Pretat.

B. CDC Discussion Regarding CDBG Public Service Allocation Recommendations

Initially, while discussing the two highest ranking projects, CDC members started to formally vote on the funding amount; however, after a brief discussion the members agreed they would discuss each application, determine funding amounts for each, and then vote on the funding recommendations once all had been determined.

Economic Development - \$55,491

Great Falls Development Authority – The CDC to fund the job creation revolving loan program for \$40,000. With this funding recommendation a remaining balance of \$15,491 was agreed to be put aside to allocate to another category.

Public Service - \$88,819

Area VIII Agency on Aging – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$25,000.

Boys & Girls Club – The CDC unanimously agreed to partially fund the program at \$25,000.

Cascade County Law Clinic – The council agreed to provide no funding for this program.

Family Connections – The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of its low ranking and agreed that the program is a good idea but is already being served by another organization.

City Park & Recreation Department-CDC & Morony Natatorium – The CDC agreed to fully fund at \$10,000.

Great Falls Senior Citizens Center – Due to the limited amount of funding the CDC decided to not fund the program this year as community would be better served through other programs.

Kairos Youth Services – The CDC agreed to partially fund the purchase of a van in the amount of \$18,819

Rural Dynamics – The council agreed that the credit building program would be benefit to the community to low/moderate persons, however due to limited funding it was agreed that the community could be better served through other programs.

Young Parents Education Center – The CDC agreed to continue to fund the program at \$10,000 as per prior years.

Public Facility - \$237,460

Center for Mental Health – Gateway – Due to limited funding the CDC agreed to partially fund the project for exterior paint only as this is the most immediate need.

Center for Mental Health – Lewis – Due to limited funding the Council agree to partial fund the project for the roof replacement. As this is the most immediate need.

Center for Mental Health – Passages – The CDC agreed not to fund the project due to limited funding.

Great Falls Housing Authority – The CDC agreed not to fund the project due to the uncertainty of the project and due to the fact that the project benefits a low number of individuals compared to other projects.

City Park & Recreation-Community Rec. Center – The CDC not to fund the project due to limited funding.

City Park & Recreation-Electric City Water Park – The CDC agreed partially fund the ADA upgrades. The project was not fully funded due to lack of funds.

City Parks & Recreation - Parks – The CDC agreed to fund the project at the full amount due to the location of the projects and the number of individuals that would benefit. The CDC agreed to fund at \$40,000.

City Public Works-ADA Ramps – The Council agree to partially fund the project at \$70,000. The reduced amount is due to limited funding.

City Public Works-Sidewalk Replacement Project – The CDC agreed to the full funding of the sidewalk replacement project. The CDC agreed to fund \$30,000 for the sidewalk project.

Montana Institution of Family Living-Park Manor – The CDC agreed to fully fund the project at \$17,529.

Quality Life Concepts – The Council agreed not to fund the project due to limited funds.

St. Vincent DePaul – The CDC agreed to fully fund the project at \$15,075.

Affordable Housing - \$221,969

City PCD-Code Enforcement – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$26,405.

City PCD-RLF Servicing - The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$50,000.

Habitat for Humanity – The CDC agreed to partially fund the proposal due to the strong ability of the organization to follow through with the projects they undertake. The CDC agreed to fund at \$70,564.

NeighborWorks – The CDC agreed to partial funding for the project due to the demands of other programs. The CDC agreed to fund at \$75,000.

After discussing each application from highest ranking to lowest ranking and determining funding levels, the CDC had a surplus of funds remaining from the Economic Development category. The CDC agreed to move the leftover funding to help fund Public Facilities applications which were in high demand.

Conclusions

Jolene Back made a motion to approve the funded levels as recommended by the Council and to move forward with making presentation to the City Commission. Dave Fink seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Dave Sutinen recommended that members attend the Commission meeting to present is the Commissioners should have any questions.

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

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

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved: