



Community Development Council (CDC) Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2014

Great Falls Civic Center, Rainbow Room

Susan McCord called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. and took roll call.

Roll Call	
Community Development Council Members:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Pretat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jolene Bach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Max Bailey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Cron
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Fink
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anita Fisher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrie Kopyy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan McCord
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Sutinen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandie Edwards

Others Present:

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

Gregg Benson, City Planning & Community Development Department, City Planner

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 12, 2014, CDC meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Anita Fisher and seconded by Dave Fink.

B. Public Comment (agenda items)

No members of the public were present.

C. 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.

Public Service - \$96,500

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

Boys & Girls Club – It was noted the agency serves a large number of children from low/moderate income families and also serves at-risk children. The CDC unanimously agreed to fund at \$25,000.

Sunburst Unlimited – The CDC agreed that a partial funding of the secure storage shed for the storage of tools purchased during last CDBG funding cycle would be the best use of this year's CDBG. The CDC agreed to set partial funds at \$3,000.

City Park & Recreation Department-CDC & Morony Natatorium – With the changes made to the sliding scale scholarships, the council was happy to see that more people will be served with the funding that is awarded. The CDC agreed to fully fund at \$8,000.

Young Parents Education Center – This application was viewed as having a low cost benefit and not demonstrating a need for funding as other funding sources are available. The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,000.

Rural Dynamics – The council agreed that the tax help program would be benefit to the community to low/moderate persons. The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,000.

Quality Life Concepts – After much discussion regarding the profitability of the program and the benefit to the agency, the Council concluded that the purchase of the enclosed trailer would be the best use of funds. The CDC agreed to fund at \$5,500.

Family Connections – The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of its low ranking and funding that is already being received by the agency from other sources.

Senior Citizens Center – The Council agreed to fund the project at half the requested amount. However there was concern on how the agency will quantify the number of individuals that will benefit from the program.

Alliance for Youth – The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of unknown number of individual that may be served by the program.

Paris Gibson Square – The CDC agreed to partial funding of the program due to the high number of requests for other funding. The CDC agreed to fund at \$5,000.

NeighborWorks/Southside Garden - CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of its low ranking.

Public Facility - \$276,500

Opportunities, Inc. – The CDC agreed to fund the roof repair project put forth by the agency. The other project was considered to be a low priority due to the number of individuals it will benefit. The CDC agreed to fund at \$20,672.

City Park & Recreation-Community Rec. Center – The CDC agreed to limit the funding for the agency to the replacement of the ADA doors only. The CDC agreed to fund at \$32,000.

City Public Works – The CDC agreed to the full funding of the sidewalk replacement and the partial funding of the street replacement. The CDC agreed to fund \$30,000 for the sidewalk project and \$130,328 for the street replacement.

City Parks & Recreation - Parks – The CDC agreed to fund the project at a lower amount due to the large number of applications and requests for funding. The CDC agreed to fund at \$30,000.

City Parks & Recreation-Morony Natatorium – The CDC agreed to partial funding of asbestos abatement for the flooring and replacement with tile; however, the doors and door frames were considered by the CDC to be a maintenance issue and not eligible for funding. The CDC agreed to fund at \$13,000.

Center for Mental Health – The CDC agreed to partial funding of the ADA doors and windows; however, the remaining request was considered to be low on the list to benefit the most individuals. The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,500.

Paris Gibson Square – The CDC agreed to partial funding for the replacement to the west doors as requested by the agency; the remaining request was considered to be a building maintenance issue and not eligible under CDBG. The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,000.

Joseph Project - The CDC agreed to not fund at any level because of unknown number of individuals that may be served by the program and its low ranking.

Affordable Housing - \$259,000

Habitat for Humanity – The CDC unanimously agreed to fund one half of the proposal due to the high demand for funds. The CDC agreed to fund at \$25,000.

NeighborWorks – The CDC agreed to partial funding for the project due to the demands of other programs. The CDC agreed to fund at \$84,903.

City PCD-Code Enforcement – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$31,652 with the understanding that in the future, if CDBG funding is not available, that the position will need to be fully funded for a continuing five years following the end of funding.

City PCD-RLF Rehab Specialist - The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$67,445 with the understanding that in the future, if CDBG funding is not available, that the position will need to be fully funded for a continuing five years following the end of funding.

City PCD-Rental Improvement Loan – The CDC agreed to partially fund the program due to the large request for funds. The CDC agreed to fund at \$50,000.

After discussing each application from highest ranking to lowest ranking and determining funding levels, the CDC had a surplus of funds remaining from the Public Services category percentage of funding allocation. The CDC agreed to move the leftover funding from Public Services into the Affordable Housing category, as per the Need Public Hearing the greatest demand for funding was Affordable Housing.

The CDC further discussed the funding of the City PCD-RLF Rehab Specialist project. A motion was made by Anita Fisher to allow Carrie Kopyy to talk with the City Commission regarding using program income to fund a portion of the Rehab Specialist in future years, as the demand for housing is so large and there is limited funding available. Keith Cron seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Conclusions

Susan McCord made a motion to recommend funding for Public Service project as discussed and listed above. Dave Fink seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Dave Fink made a motion to recommend funding for Public Facility project as discussed and listed above. Susan McCord seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Jolene Bach made a motion to recommend funding for Affordable Housing project as discussed and listed above. Anita Fisher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

No members of the public were present.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.