



Community Development Council (CDC) Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2015

Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room

Dave Sutinen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and took roll call.

Roll Call	
Community Development Council Members:	
_____	Steve Pretat
<u> X </u>	Jolene Bach
_____	Max Bailey (Resigned)
<u> X </u>	Keith Cron
<u> X </u>	Dave Fink
<u> X </u>	Harmony Wolfe
<u> X </u>	Neil Fortier
_____	Susan McCord
<u> X </u>	Dave Sutinen
_____	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

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 17, 2015, CDC meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion made by Dave Fink and seconded by Jolene Bach.

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.

Public Service - \$107,000

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

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

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.

Family Promise of Great Falls – The CDC agreed to a partial funding of \$10,000 for this new organization to Great Falls. The Council is looking forward to seeing how the program does moving forward.

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

Great Falls Senior Citizens Center – The CDC proposed to fund the project at \$7000 understanding that this is below the \$10,000 minimum award policy set by the City Commission. The Council felt this program helps the community and hopes that the Commission will agree to the funding. They would have fully funded the program however were limited by the 15% public service cap set by HUD as well as the \$10K cap set by the Commission. The Board felt that some of the organizations benefit from a reduced amount and would greatly encourage the Commission to fund a <\$10K program for food to benefit the community.

Quality Life Concepts –The CDC agreed that the purchase of the requested equipment would benefit an underserved group within the community. The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,000.

Sunburst Unlimited – The CDC agreed that the proposal would not be funded this year.

Young Parents Education Center –The CDC agreed to fund at \$10,000.

Rural Dynamics – The council agreed that the credit building program would be benefit to the community to low/moderate persons. The CDC agreed to a partial funding at \$10,000.

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Public Facility - \$200,920

Great Falls Housing Authority – The CDC agreed to partially fund Sidewalk and ADA replacement project put forth by the agency. The CDC agreed to fund at \$97,737.

City Park & Recreation-Community Rec. Center – The CDC not to fund the project as it fell very low on the priority list.

City Park & Recreation-Natatorium –The CDC agreed to fully fund the project at \$33,183. The Council agreed that the project was beyond the maintenance stage and that everything would need to be replaced.

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 – Special Improvement District – 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.

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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.

Paris Gibson Square – The CDC agreed not to fund the project due to the lack of clear beneficiaries and a feeling that the project could be facilitated by private donations or other funds.

Affordable Housing - \$259,000

City PCD-Code Enforcement – The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$31,652.

City PCD-RLF Rehab Specialist - The CDC unanimously agreed to fully fund at \$68,000.

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 \$68,341.

Habitat for Humanity – The CDC unanimously agreed to 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 \$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 \$22,780.

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 due to the lack of eligible application. The CDC agreed to move the leftover funding to Public Services.

Funding was also taken from the Public Facilities category to help fund Public Service applications. The disappointment with the quality and benefits to the community from the Public Service applications fueled this movement of funds.

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.

Jolene Back 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)

No members of the public were present.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: