

City of Racine

*City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2007

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Community Development Committee

*Mayor Gary Becker
Director of City Development Brian O'Connell
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Donnie Snow
Director of Human Resources Sylvia Coronado-Romero
Director of Health Department Janelle Grammer
Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman Ronald D. Hart
Alderman Gregory Holding, Alderman Thomas Friedel
Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman James T. Spangenberg
Ken Lumpkin, Carol Wallace, Delia Orozzo, Jose Carbajal, Lee Martinez*

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the members of the Common Council may be present at the meeting, and although this may constitute a quorum of the Common Council, the Council will not take any action at this meeting.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 9 - Ronald D. Hart, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, Gary Becker, Thomas Friedel, James T. Spangenberg, Ken Lumpkin, Donnie Snow and Sylvia Coronado-Romero

ABSENT: 2 - Delia Orozco and Lee Martinez

EXCUSED: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor II, David L. Maack, Carol Wallace, Jose Carbajal and Jannelle Grammer

Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Alderman James T. Spangenberg, that the minutes be approved, as distributed. The motion PASSED.

07-0380

Subject: Request of the Douglas Avenue Redevelopment Association, Inc. to extend their 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) agreement to October 1, 2007.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-14-07: That this item be deferred pending submission of a spending plan.

Attachments: [DouglasAve Redevelopment Assoc.pdf](#)
[L.RCEDC.pdf](#)

Kristin Niemiec, Commercial Corridor Specialist, explained the purpose of the Association's request.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald D. Hart, that this item be Deferred. The motion PASSED.

07-0379

Subject: Request of the Racine YWCA for Local Option funds for the Training, Inc. program.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-14-07: To allocate \$25,000 from the Local Option Fund to the Racine YWCA for the Training, Inc. program subject to the YWCA's receiving the other sources of funds identified in their funding request.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [Empowering Women.pdf](#)

Debbi Embry, Chief Executive Officer of the Racine YWCA, reviewed her request and answered questions from the committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald Hart, to allocate \$25,000 from the Local Option Fund to the Racine YWCA for the Training Inc. program.

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Alderman Gregory Holding, that this item be Recommended For Approval, and to amend the main motion to make the allocation as outlined in the recommendation. The motion PASSED.

[07-0568](#)

Subject: Communication from David Voss, President of the Racine Community Outpost, requesting to discuss funding to relocate two of the Racine Police Department Community Policing houses.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 05-21-07: The item be received and filed.

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 5-21-07: That the item be referred to the Community Development Committee and come back to the Public Safety & Licensing Committee with the results.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-14-07: To allocate \$70,000 from the Local Option Fund to Racine Community Outpost for the purchase of 1146 Villa Street for a Racine Police Department community policing house.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [DOC070508relocate.com police house.pdf](#)

Police Chief Kurt Wahlen described the Racine Community Outpost's plan to relocate two of the Community Policing houses and answered questions from the committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald D. Hart, that this item be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED.

[07-0699](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting an allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds for maintenance and disposition of the former Southside Revitalization Corporation properties.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-14-07: To allocate \$47,000 from the Local Option Fund to the Department of City Development for expenses associated with acquiring

the real estate assets of the Southside Revitalization Corporation.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [Former SRC.pdf](#)

Director of City Development Brian O'Connell explained his request, reviewed the proposed use of the funds, and answered questions from the committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald D. Hart, that this item be Recommended For Approval, as outlined in the recommendation. The motion PASSED.

07-0703

Subject: Request for a grant of Local Option Block Grant funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of commercial properties in the Uptown area.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on

6-14-07: To allocate \$120,000 from the Local Option Fund to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Racine to acquire and rehabilitate 1526 Washington Avenue subject to the participation of the Racine Development Group and the City of Racine in the project.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [BGF - Uptown properties.pdf](#)
[Bldg Project.pdf](#)

Kristin Niemiec, Commercial Corridor Specialist, reviewed the proposed purchase and renovation of 1526 Washington Avenue and the project's funding sources. She answered questions on the project from the committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald Hart, to acquire and rehabilitate 1526 Washington Avenue.

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Alderman Gregory Holding, that this item be Recommended For Approval, and to amend the main motion to make the allocation, as outlined in the recommendation. The motion PASSED.

07-0704

Subject: Request for a grant of Local Option Block Grant funds for the marketing of an Artist Relocation Program.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on

6-14-07: To allocate \$50,000 from the Local Option Fund to the Racine County Economic Development Corporation for marketing the artist relocation program.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [BGF - Uptown Artist Relocation .pdf](#)
[Artist Relocation .pdf](#)

Kristin Niemiec, Commercial Corridor Specialist, discussed the Artist Relocation program and the request for funding the program's marketing.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald D. Hart, that this item be Recommended For Approval, as outlined in the recommendation. The motion PASSED.

07-0751

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Project New Life requesting Local Option funds for a summer intern program.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-14-07: That this item be received and filed.

Attachments: [L.Summer Program.pdf](#)

Donna Swift, Vice President of Project New Life, and Elliott Cohen, Executive Director of Project New Life (via cell phone), addressed the committee and answered the committee's questions regarding the proposed program.

A motion was made by Alderman Gregory Holding, seconded by Alderman Ronald D. Hart, that this item be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development*