



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Development Committee

*Mayor John Dickert, Alderman Gregory Holding,  
Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderperson Sandy Weidner,  
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Alderman Jim Kaplan,  
Alderman Dennis Wiser, Anna Clementi, Joey LeGath  
Marie Black, Henry Perez*

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Wednesday, May 29, 2013

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

*Vice Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.*

*PRESENT: 9 - Terry McCarthy, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Sandy Weidner, Greg Holding,  
James Kaplan, Henry Perez, Marie Black, Anna Clementi, Joey LeGath*

*EXCUSED: 1 - John Dickert*

### Approval of Minutes for the February 13, 2013 Meeting.

**A motion was made by Alderman Kaplan, seconded by Alderman Perez, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

#### 13-8964

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of City Development requesting an allocation of local option funds to cover Davis Bacon labor standards expenses. .(Res. No. 13-0265)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-29-13:** That the request for up to \$40,000 in additional funds to cover Davis Bacon labor standards expenses be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** Sufficient funds are available in the Community Development Local Option account.

**Attachments:** [Davis Bacon LOF](#)

*Director O'Connell explained that additional funds were needed for the 2013 CDBG-funded capital projects for compliance with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements. In response to a question from Ald. Weidner, he clarified that the additional funds were needed for the worker interviews and job-site inspections associated with Davis-Bacon and the reporting associated with the investigations. He said a consultant would be used for 2013; the potential to use city staff will be assessed for future years. Discussion followed.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Weidner, seconded by Alderman Holding, to recommend that the request for up to \$40,000 in additional funds be approved. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

## Administrative Business

FY2013 grant and allocation updates.

*Director O'Connell reported that HUD informed the department that Racine will receive \$1,695,827 from CDBG, \$409,380 from HOME, and \$117,746 from ESG for 2013. CDBG and HOME funds are sufficient for the city's allocations to departments and outside agencies. ESG is about \$8,000 less than allocated. 2013. He said the department will begin working with the shelter providing agencies on how to adjust for the reduction.*

FY2014 grant forecast and updates.

*Director O'Connell reported that President Obama's proposed budget has reductions in the block grant programs. He said the city's allocation process will begin in August with preparation of the required Annual Plan. He said additional effort will be expended on the Annual Plan as a means of better targeting the declining funding. He also informed the Committee that the city's block grant program was receiving Technical Assistance (TA) from HUD, which is similar to a program audit, and the committee would be kept informed of its progress. Discussion followed.*

Down Payment Assistance cancellation.

*Director O'Connell briefed the committee on the decision to end the Down Payment Assistance Program. Discussion followed on the implications for the work load and responsibilities of Housing Department staff. Director O'Connell and Ms. Jacobs said the change would allow staff to devote more time to the home improvement loan program.*

Update on Local Option Funds.

*Director O'Connell reported that the Local Option account was at approximately \$300,000 (before subtracting funds for Davis-Bacon compliance). Following discussion, he noted that the fund was an important buffer in times of uncertain funding levels.*

## Adjournment

*There being no further business, Vice-Chair McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.*