

City of Racine

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 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.

Acting Chairman Jim Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENT: 10 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Ronald D. Hart, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, Thomas Friedel, James T. Spangenberg, Ken Lumpkin, Carol Wallace, Jannelle Grammer and Sylvia Coronado-Romero

ABSENT: 2 - Delia Orozco and Jose Carbajal

EXCUSED: 4 - Gary Becker, David L. Maack, Donnie Snow and Lee Martinez

Approval of the June 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Thomas Friedel, seconded by Alderman Gregory Holding, to approve the minutes, as distributed. 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.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-16-07: That this item be received and filed.

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

Gerald Hodges, Project New Life, read a letter from Pastor Elliott Cohen expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting and asking the committee's approval of his organization's request. Donna Swift, Vice President, Project New Life, said her organization is prepared to begin the program on August 23 and complete it on October 12. She said a total allocation of \$5,600 is being requested to fund half the stipend for 10 interns working 20 hours per week for seven weeks. She said 11 businesses and not-for-profit organizations have agreed to have interns and that the work will be after school or on weekends. She said all the participants will be students aged 16-19.

Alderman Shakoor said he felt the request should be funded because it represents an investment in Racine's future leaders. Alderman Friedel said the 20 hours per week schedule could be a problem for students attending school full-time and noted that the program does not seem to require a matching contribution from the participating employers.

Ms. Swift said that 20 hours per week is the number of hours state law allows full-time students to work while attending school. She said Project New Life will provide matching funds to bring the interns' stipend to \$8.00 per hour.

Alderman Shakoor moved to allocate \$5,600 from the Local Option Fund to Project New Life for a summer intern program. Ms. Coronado-Romero seconded. The motion failed on a voice vote.

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

Orientation to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and funds allocation process.

Assistant City Development Director Joe Heck described the CDBG program and reviewed the timetable for allocating the 2008 grant. In a question and answer session following the presentation, the following topics were discussed or clarified:

- HOME Housing Investment Partnerships grant funds as an alternative to CDBG funding for housing production activities.*
- The statutory caps on public service and planning and administrative funding.*
- Local policy guidelines on the use of CDBG funding for non-municipal capital projects.*
- Proposal scoring procedures and the use of the scores in the allocation process.*
- The extent of consideration given to addressing the four community development priority areas: youth; jobs; neighborhoods; and shelter.*
- Information to be provided to the committee regarding prior years' funding, unexpended funding, and program accomplishments.*
- Local policy guidelines on eliminating from further considerations of proposals whose designated allocation falls below \$20,000 or 50 percent of the amount requested.*

It was agreed to begin all committee meetings during the allocation process at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development*