



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Community Development Committee

*Mayor John T. Dickert, Chairman*  
*Director of City Development Brian O'Connell*  
*Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Donnie Snow*  
*Public Health Administrator, Janelle Grammer, Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman*  
*Gregory Holding, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Sandy Weidner, Alderman Aron*  
*Wisneski, Ken Lumpkin, Lee Martinez, Carol Wallace, Betty Larsen, Sammy Rangel, Debbi*  
*Embry, Alderman James Spangenberg*

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Thursday, May 28, 2009

7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

*Chairman John Dickert called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 12 - John Dickert, Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, David L. Maack, Ken Lumpkin, Donnie Snow, Lee Martinez, Debbi Embry, James T. Spangenberg and Aron Wisneski

**EXCUSED:** 4 - Janelle Grammer, Carol Wallace, Betty Larsen and Sammy Rangel

### Approval of Minutes for the April 2, 2009 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Maack, seconded by Alderman Weidner, to approve the April 2, 2009 meeting minutes, as distributed. The motion carried on a voice vote.

### 09-3595

**Subject:** Allocation of Community Development Block Grant Recovery Funds. (Res.09-1440)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That Community Development Block Grant - Recovery funds be allocated as follows: Summer Youth Green Jobs Training Program - \$72,500; Urban League of Racine and Kenosha Math Refresher Class and T.A.B.E. Test Preparation - \$7,500; Streetlight Retrofit - \$350,946; Family Service of Racine Handicap Access Improvements - \$50,000; Program Administration - \$53,438.

**Fiscal Note:** The City of Racine will receive a Community Development Block Grant - Recovery grant of \$534,384.

**Attachments:** [CDBG-R allocation request](#)  
[Preliminary CDBG-R Allocation Plan](#)  
[CDBG-R Applications](#)

*Mr. O'Connell described the program and reviewed the initial proposed funding allocation. Mark Gesner, Racine County Workforce Development Center, described the proposed Summer Youth Green Jobs Training Program. Public Works Commissioner Rick Jones described the proposed Streetlight Retrofit Program.*

*The following persons reviewed their applications for Community Development Block*

*Grant - Recovery funds:*

*Yolanda Santos Adams, Racine/Kenosha Urban League  
Tiffany McWhorter, Project New Life  
Claudius Adebayo, OIC of Racine County  
Kay Gregor, Racine Literacy Council  
Katie Oatsvall, Family Service of Racine  
Jeff Collen, Racine YMCA*

*O'Connell moved, Alderman Holding seconded, approval of the staff proposal.*

*Alderman Weidner moved, Alderman Maack seconded, reducing the proposed allocation to the Summer Youth Green Jobs Training program by \$11,500 and allocating \$7,500 to the Racine/Kenosha Urban League and \$4,000 to the Racine Literacy Council.*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Alderman Weidner amended her motion to reduce the Summer Youth Green Jobs Training program by \$7,500 and to allocate that amount to the Racine/Kenosha Urban League. Alderman Shakoor II seconded.*

*The vote on the amendment was as follows:*

*Ayes (6): O'Connell; Snow; Shakoor II; Weidner; Lumpkin; Martinez  
Nays (5): Holding; Maack; Wisneski; Embry; Spangenberg*

*The motion carried.*

*Alderman Weidner moved, Alderman Shakoor II seconded, to reduce the Summer Youth Green Jobs Training by an additional \$4,000 and allocating that amount to the Racine Literacy Council.*

*The vote was as follows:*

*Ayes (3): Shakoor II; Weidner; Martinez  
Nays (8): O'Connell; Snow; Holding; Maack; Wisneski; Lumpkin; Embry;  
Spangenberg*

*The motion failed.*

*Alderman Maack moved, Lumpkin seconded, to reduce the amount allocated to the Streetlight Retrofit by \$50,000 and allocating those funds to the Family Service of Racine's Handicap Access Improvements.*

*The vote was as follows:*

*Ayes (8): Shakoor II; Martinez; Maack; Snow; Lumpkin; Embry; Wisneski; Holding  
Nays (3): Weidner; Spangenberg; O'Connell*

*The motion carried.*

**The main motion, as amended, carried on a voice vote.**

[09-3596](#)

**Subject:** Request from the Downtown Racine Corporation for CDBG funding for repairs of the Festival Park playground.

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Playground Request](#)  
[Parks and Rec CDBG Funds Application](#)

*Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Donnie Snow reviewed the request and the circumstances behind it. He indicated that funds had already been allocated from other sources to make the repairs.*

**Alderman Weidner moved, Alderman Maack seconded, to receive and file the item. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

[09-3655](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of Racine Vocational Ministry for Local Option Funding. (Res.09-1441)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That \$34,948 be allocated from the Local Option Fund to Racine Vocational Ministry, Inc. for its Community Re-entry Program.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient funds in the Local Option Fund for this request.

**Attachments:** [RVM LOF Application](#)

*Jim Schatzman, Racine Vocational Ministry, reviewed his request and the reasons the requested funding was necessary.*

**Snow moved, Alderman Maack seconded, to recommend approval of the request. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

[09-3606](#)

**Subject:** Request for authorization to use HOME funds for a home improvement matching grant program. (Res.09-1442)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That \$340,000 in HOME Housing Investment Partnership funds be allocated to the Racine Housing Department to establish a home improvement matching grant program for income-qualified owner-occupants.

**Fiscal Note:** There are sufficient HOME funds available for this request.

**Attachments:** [HOME funds request](#)  
[HOME grant & loan memo](#)

*Director of City Development Brian O'Connell reviewed the proposed use of funds and reasons for his request.*

**Alderman Shakoor II moved, Alderman Weidner seconded, to recommend approval of the request. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

[09-3620](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request by HALO (Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization) to amend their 2008 ESG line item budget. (Res.09-1443)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) be permitted to amend their 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant budget to allow the purchase of a new server and related software.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [HALO Request](#)

*Dan Moen, HALO, reviewed his organization's request*

**Alderman Weidner moved, Alderman Maack seconded, to recommend approval of the request. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

[09-3658](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of OIC of Racine County, Inc. for an extension to their Community Development Block Grant agreement. (Res.09-1444)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 5-28-09:** That OIC of Racine County's 2008 Community Development Block Grant agreement be extended to June 30, 2009.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [OIC CDBG Extension Request](#)

**Alderman Weidner moved, Alderman Holding seconded, to recommend approval of the request. The motion carried on a voice vote.**

**Miscellaneous Business**

*Napoleon Hardy, 2820 Crossridge Drive, Racine, commented on the proposal to fund a home improvement matching grant program.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joseph G. Heck  
Assistant Director of City Development*