



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 Henry Perez,
Anna Clementi, Joey LeGath, Sharon Campbell
Shana Henderson, Tony MartinezVictor Frasher*

Monday, March 3, 2014

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Mayor Dickert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** 8 - John Dickert, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Gregory Holding, Sandy Weidner, Joey LeGath, Henry Perez, Anna Clementi and Victor Frasher
- EXCUSED:** 5 - Terry McCarthy, Jim Kaplan, Shana Henderson, Tony Martinez and Sharon Campbell

Others present:

*Brian O'Connell, Director of City Development
Michelle Cook, Secretary of City Development*

Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2013 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Shakoor, II, seconded by Alderwoman Weidner, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting, as distributed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[14-9811](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of City Development requesting approval of a revision to the 2014 Annual Housing and Community Development Action Plan. (Res. No. 14-0123)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 3-3-14: That the text titled "Revision to 2014 Action Plan - March 2014" be approved and added to the 2014 Annual Housing and Community Development Action Plan; and

Further, that Resolution 13-0498, dated December 17, 2013 be rescinded; and

Further, that the recommended allocation of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant is approved and, if the total grant received is less than the funds allocated to activities, then each activity's budget be reduced to the same proportion as the percentage difference between the estimated

total grant and the actual total grant, and if the total grant received is more than the funds allocated to activities, then the budget of any activity that received an allocation less than the amount requested by the applicant, due to the estimated lack of funds, be increased in the same proportion as the percentage difference between the estimated total grant and the actual total grant, up to the amount of the applicant's original request; and

Further, that the appropriate city officials are authorized and directed to execute and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the documents required to secure the grants and to execute third-party contracts with the agencies approved for the use of the funds.

Fiscal Note: The actual amount of community development funding that the city will received is still unknown. The revision provides a method for adjusting the allocation of CDBG and ESG funds to specific projects and programs in case the grant amounts vary from the amounts currently anticipated.

Attachments: [2014 Annual Action Plan Request](#)
 [2014 CDBG ESG Allocation Final](#)
 [Revision to 2014 Action Plan](#)

Director O'Connell introduced the item. He stated that because of the issues that arose while we were waiting to learn the fiscal budget for the federal government, we are still waiting to hear the amount of Block Grant funding being allocated to the City from HUD. He stated HUD is requiring that contingency language be added to amend the Annual Plan.

Director O'Connell went over the proposed amendment. He stated that the resolution for the amendment will appear at the March 18 Common Council meeting. He explained the potential changes in allocations based on the different scenarios presented in the contingency language and the organizations that received 2014 Block Grant funding that would be affected by the change. He stated that the contingency language was published in the newspaper for public comment.

Alderman Shakoor, II asked if we had the option to give the excess in funding, if received, to those that did not receive any funding in this year's grant cycle. Director O'Connell stated that funds are available in the Local Option Fund; however, HUD does not want disbursement of funds to other organizations not funded to become an important part of plan.

Alderman Perez asked if we were expecting any funding changes.

Director O'Connell stated he was expecting the allocation for 2014 to stand with only a minor increase or decrease.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Shakoor, II, seconded by Alderman Holding, to recommend approval of the contingency language revising the 2014 Annual Action Plan. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Update on Staffing

Director O'Connell introduced the new employees. Diana Schultz, who will be starting at the beginning of April, will be the Compliance Specialist. Jeff Vitton, who will be starting mid-March, will be the Community Development Program Specialist.

Preparation of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

Director O'Connell informed the Committee that this year is the year for preparing the five-year Consolidated Plan. Director O'Connell stated that it will take additional time and brainstorming from the Committee. He stated that the previous Plan focused on the following priorities: jobs; youth; housing; and shelter.

Alderwoman Weidner asked when the process will start for preparation of the plan.

Director O'Connell stated as soon as the new staff comes on board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Alderman Shakoor, II at 6:25 p.m.