



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Development Committee

*Mayor John Dickert, Alderman Gregory Holding  
Director of City Development Brian O'Connell  
Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderperson Sandy Weidner  
Alderman Terry McCarthy, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Sammy  
Rangel  
Anna Clementi, Joey LeGath,  
City Fire Chief Steve Hansen, Grants Facilitator Debbi Embry,  
Public Works Commissioner Mark Yehlen*

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Wednesday, August 15, 2012

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

*Mayor Dickert called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 9 - John Dickert, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Brian O'Connell, Terry McCarthy, Sandy Weidner, Joey LeGath, Debbi Embry, Mark Yehlen and Jim Kaplan  
**EXCUSED:** 4 - Gregory Holding, Sammy Rangel, Steve Hansen and Anna Clementi

### Approval of Minutes for the April 19, 2012 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Terry McCarthy, seconded by Debbi Embry, that this be to Approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

[12-8037](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to change their 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) scope of work for the Horlick Drive Repaving Project. (Res No. 12-3289)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-15-12:** That the request of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to add asphalt pathways in Island Park and Lincoln Park to the CDBG project be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** Lower than expected cost for the Horlick Drive repaving allows this additional work to be done with the existing grant at no increase in the total grant.

*Tom Molbeck appeared for PRCS and explained that there was money saved in street paving project and they would like to repurpose the remaining funds to sidewalk asphaltting at Island and Lincoln park areas to make them Handicapped Accessible. Bob Rafel also appeared for PRCS and explained in more detail where the sidewalks would be placed within the parks. No additional funds would be required for this project.*

A motion was made by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Debbi Embry, to recommend approval of the item. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

[12-8039](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of City Development recommending changes to the HOME grant provided to the St. Paul Community & Economic Development Corporation for the Faith Builds Community Housing and Homeownership Expansion Initiative. (Res No. 12-3290)

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on**

**8-15-12:** That the changes, as described in the Director's memorandum dated August 14, 2012, to the HOME grant for the construction of a single-family home on the vacant lot at 61 Riverside Drive be approved; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amendment to the grant agreement incorporating the changes; and that St. Paul Community and Economic Development Corporation provide a report to the Committee in two weeks on its Community Development Block Grant funding.

**Fiscal Note:** The changes increase the HOME grant by \$76,000 to a total grant of \$176,000. HOME funds are available for the increase.

**Attachments:** [faith builds memo\\_001](#)

*Director O'Connell presented the item, requesting \$76,000 additional funds be added to the project and explained that due to changes in HUD rules and regulations, project requirements and other circumstances it was felt that the project was underfunded and unable to be completed at the current funding level. Additionally, it was thought that it would be best if the City retained ownership and Faith Builds was strictly a Developer on the project. Discussion of the progress of Faith Builds in their initiative to become a CHDO ensued and as a result the committee would like language of a breakdown of how the CDBG funds were used and what has been accomplished. A total of \$76,000 more of HOME funds will be put into the building of the house, which will now include a detached 2-car garage.*

**A motion was made by Alderman Weidner, seconded by Debbi Embry, to recommend approval of the item with the amendment added that Faith Builds has two (2) weeks to provide use of CDBG funds breakdown. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

## **Administrative Business**

### **2013 Annual Action Plan Briefing**

*It was recommended that the calendar be passed to all Council members, that all members have access to the Annual Action Plan and all applications and that important dates and items be emailed to all of Council.*

### **2013 Grant Cycle Briefing**

*It was further recommended that there be a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the grant cycle to better inform and engage all of Council prior to the CD Committee meetings where allocations happen.*

#### Committee Composition

*Following discussion, staff was directed to share all materials received by the committee members with the Aldermen who do not sit on the committee so they are fully informed and their early input on issues facilitated.*

#### Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn made by Shakoor, seconded by Weidner, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*