



City of Racine

City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
www.cityofracine.org

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, 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, Debbi Embry, Alderman James Spangenberg, Fire Chief Steve Hansen, Sammy Rangel

Thursday, August 27, 2009

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 12 - John Dickert, Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, Ken Lumpkin, Donnie Snow, Lee Martinez, Sammy Rangel, James T. Spangenberg, Aron Wisneski and Steve Hansen
EXCUSED: 4 - David L. Maack, Carol Wallace, Betty Larsen and Debbi Embry

Approval of Minutes for the May 27, 2009 and May 28, 2009 Meetings.

Ald. Spangenberg moved, Ald. Shakoor, II seconded, that the minutes of the May 27, 2009 and May 28, 2009 meeting minutes be approved, as distributed. The motion PASSED by a voice vote.

Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Past Expenditures of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and on Community Development Needs to be Met by Future Expenditures.

Chairman Dickert opened the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Cherie Griffin, Women's Resource Center and Ola Baiyewu, First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program, commented.

Chairman Dickert closed the hearing at 6:08 p.m.

09-3964

Subject: Request of Project New Life Community Development Corporation for additional HOME Housing Investment Partnerships funds. (Res.09-1589)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-27-09: That up to \$45,677 in HOME Housing Investment Partnership funds be granted to Project New Life Community Development Corporation to complete renovation of 1017 Marquette Street.

Fiscal Note: HOME funds are available in the amount recommended.

Attachments: [PNL HOME funds request](#)

Ald. Shakoor, II moved, O'Connell seconded, to approve the request as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

09-3759

Subject: Request from Pastor Elliott Cohen of Project New Life for Local Option Funding for the Nehemiah Place Permanent Housing Program.

Attachments: [Project New Life LOF Request - Nehemiah Place](#)

Brian O'Connell reviewed the current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding situation. Assistant City Development Director Joe Heck, and Donna Swift and Elliott Cohen from Project New Life also addressed the committee.

O'Connell moved, Ald. Weidner seconded, to defer action on this item pending resolution of the CDBG funding situation. Motion carried on a voice vote.

09-3753

Subject: Request of Racine Habitat for Humanity for HOME Housing Investment Partnership funds.

Attachments: [Habitat for Humanity HOME funds request](#)

Ald. Shakoor, II moved, Ald. Weidner, to defer action on this item. Motion carried on a voice vote.

09-3757

Subject: Communication from Racine Habitat for Humanity requesting the extension of the storm drain one block east on 10th Street from Lockwood Avenue to accommodate four houses that will be completed by the end of 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 6-30-09 and 7-14-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 7-28-09: That Racine Habitat for Humanity be granted permission to extend the storm drain one block east on 10th Street from Lockwood Avenue to accommodate four houses being built by Racine Habitat for Humanity.

Further recommend that this item be referred to the Community Development Committee for funding.

Fiscal Note: All costs associated with the extension of the storm sewer are the responsibility of Racine Habitat for Humanity.

Attachments: [Extend Storm Drain.pdf](#)

Jan Roland, Racine Habitat for Humanity, and Joe Heck addressed the committee.

Ald. Shakoor, II moved, O'Connell seconded, to defer action on this item

pending resolution of the CDBG funding situation. Motion carried on a voice vote.

[09-3840](#)

Subject: Request of JML Healthcare Services LLC for HOME Housing Investment Partnerships Funding.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-27-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [JML Healthcare Services LLC LOF Request](#)

Michael LaGrassa, JML Healthcare Services LLC, addressed the committee.

Ald. Shakoor, II, moved, Ald. Holding seconded, to receive and file this item. Motion carried on a voice vote.

[09-3961](#)

Subject: Request of SAFE Haven, Inc. to transfer Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Gang Crime Diversion Task Force to re-roofing the Safe Passage house, 1600 West Sixth Street.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-27-09: That the request of SAFE Haven, Inc. to transfer funds be denied.

Fiscal Note: Funds are subject to recapture to the Local Option Fund.

Attachments: [SAFE Haven CDBG funds transfer request](#)

Denise Sierra, SAFE Haven, appeared before the committee to explain the request.

Ald. Shakoor, II, moved, Ald. Holding seconded, to approve the request.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes (5): Holding; Shakoor, II; O'Connell; Martinez; Hansen

Nays (5): Spangenberg; Lumpkin; Wisneski; Weidner; Snow

Abstentions (1): Rangel

Chairman Dickert broke the tie by voting in the negative and the motion failed.

[09-4004](#)

Subject: Request of the Racine Interfaith Coalition to revise the scope of services and program budget of a CDBG-funded activity. (Res.09-1590)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-27-09: That the scope of services and budget of the Violence No More program be revised to include training in web design, photography and graphic arts and coordinated with the George Bray and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community centers.

Fiscal Note: There is no change in the amount of funds allocated to this activity.

Attachments: [Racine Interfaith Coalition Request](#)

Tanya Canady and Ken Lumpkin, Racine Interfaith Coalition, addressed the committee on this item.

O'Connell moved, Snow seconded, to approve the request. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The committee recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Other Business:

Assistant City Development Director Joe Heck made a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the 2010 CDBG funds allocation process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development*