



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, Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman Gregory Holding, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Sandy Weidner, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Ken Lumpkin, Lee Martinez, Debbi Embry, Alderman James Spangenberg, Fire Chief Steve Hansen, Sammy Rangel, Dennis Wiser

Thursday, January 7, 2010

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 14 - John Dickert, Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, David L. Maack, Ken Lumpkin, Donnie Snow, Sammy Rangel, Debbi Embry, James T. Spangenberg, Aron Wisneski, Steve Hansen and Dennis Wiser

EXCUSED: 1 - Lee Martinez

Ken Lumpkin arrived at 6:20 p.m.
Sammy Rangel arrived at 6:05 p.m.

09-4105

Subject: (Direct Referral) Development of 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Allocation.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 1-07-2010: That the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds be allocated as shown on the attachment; further recommends that any funds in excess of those allocated be placed in the Local Option Fund and that any funding shortfall be compensated from the Local Option Fund; further recommends that the appropriate city officials be directed and authorized to execute the appropriate documents to secure the grant funding; and further recommends that the appropriate city officials be authorized to execute third-party agreements with agencies and organizations approved for use of the funds.

Fiscal note: A grant award of \$2,100,000 is expected.

Attachments: [2010 CDBG Recommended Allocation](#)
[CDBG Allocation Responses](#)
[2004-2009 Non-Public Service Funding Trends](#)
[2004-2009 Public Service Funding Trends](#)

Chairman Dickert opened the floor for public comment on the proposed 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations. The following persons

spoke:

*Jeff Berman, Cops 'N Kids and Racine Literacy Council Board re: Cops 'N Kids Reading Program and Racine Literacy Council English as a Second Language
Eric Houston, Power of Deliverance Outreach Ministries, Inc. re: Youth Monitoring Program*

David Namowicz re: Flat Iron Mall Renovation

Tessa Brown, Foundations of Life re: Foundations Maternity Program

Chairman Dickert closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Alderman Maack moved to reduce the funding of activity #32- Flat Iron Mall Renovation to \$0. Alderman Wisneski seconded. Motion carried on a 7-6 vote.

Alderman Maack moved to add \$35,000 to activity #13 - Racine County Food Bank and Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization Outside Improvements. Alderman Wisneski seconded. Motion failed on a 7-5 vote.

Alderman Maack moved to add \$5,000 to Activity #62 - Professional Women's Network for Service Underground Railroad/Maritime Memorial Walkway. Alderman Weidner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Alderman Maack moved to add \$15,000 to Activity #23 - Parkway Tree Planting. Alderman Weidner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Alderman Maack moved to add \$29,570 to Activity #7 - Crosswalk Ramp Replacement and \$430 to Activity #30 - Commercial Corridor Staffing. Alderman Holding seconded. Without objection the vote on the motion was split. The first part of the motion carried on a 7-6 vote. The second part of the motion carried on a voice vote.

Alderman Weidner moved to reduce the funding of Activity #54 - Foundation of Life Maternity Program to \$0 and to increase the funding of Activity #1 - Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization Emergency Shelter and Services by \$20,000. Mr. O'Connell seconded. Motion carried on a 7-6 vote.

Alderman Weidner moved to reduce the funding of Activity #35 - Nehemiah Place Permanent Housing Program to \$0 and to increase the funding of Activity #29 - English as a Second Language Tutoring Program by \$15,000. Alderman Maack seconded. Motion carried on a 7-6 vote, Mr. Lumpkin abstaining.

Mr. O'Connell moved to recommend the proposed allocation of the 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City Council as recommended. Alderman Wisneski seconded. The motion PASSED on a 9-4 vote.

Alderman Wisneski expressed his hope that the committee could hold a goals-setting workshop before next year's CDBG allocation process. Mr. Lumpkin said he was disappointed that no new agencies or organizations were recommended for funding in 2010.

[09-4386](#)

Subject: Request of Michael Cornelius for additional HOME Housing Investment Partnerships funds.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 1-07-2010: That a deferred no-interest loan in an amount up to \$40,000 for a term up to 20 years be approved for rehabilitation of 1515 Taylor Avenue.

Attachments: [Cornelius letter](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner and seconded by Mr. Rangel, to approve a no-interest loan in an amount up to \$40,000 for a term of 20 years for renovation of 1515 Taylor Avenue. Alderman Shakoor, II suggested that the loan could have a deferred start date in order to allow the project to be completed and the apartments rented. Mr. O'Connell suggested that the staff could prepare and circulate a loan term sheet for the committee's review prior to a final vote by the City Council. The motion PASSED on a 13-0 vote.

[09-4581](#)

Subject: Request of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Southeast Wisconsin to revise their 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 1-07-10: That the request of Neighborhood Housing Services of Southeast Wisconsin to revise their 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget be approved.

Fiscal Note: There is no effect on the amount of funds allocated.

Attachments: [NHS 2009 CDBG budget revision request](#)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Alderman Maack, to approve the request. The motion PASSED on a 13-0 vote.

[09-4539](#)

Subject: Request from the Department of City Development to adopt an Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan for HUD Assisted Projects per HUD requirements.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 1-07-10: That the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan for HUD-Assisted Projects be approved as presented.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Anti-Displace&Relocation Plan](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Wisneski and seconded by Alderman Holding, to approve the Plan as presented. The motion PASSED by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development*