



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Community Development Committee

*Mayor John Dickert,
Alderman Q.A. Shakoor II,
Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Henry Perez,
Alderman Dennis Wiser, Alderman Jeff Coe,
Alderman James Morgenroth, Joey LeGath,
Anna Clementi, Tony Martinez, Victor Frasher,
Sharon Campbell, Cecilia Anguiano*

Thursday, June 18, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Council President Wiser called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: 10 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Joey LeGath, Henry Perez, Anna Clementi, Jim Kaplan, Victor Frasher, Sharon Campbell, Dennis Wiser, James Morgenroth and Cecilia Anguiano

EXCUSED: 3 - John Dickert, Tony Martinez and Jeff Coe

Others present:

*Laura Detert, Community Development Compliance Specialist
Jeff Vitton, Community Development Program Specialist
Joy Hansche, Accountant*

Approval of Minutes for the April 30, 2015 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Perez, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes for the May 27, 2015 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Perez, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

[15-00565](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for an extension for time of its grant for the Main Gallery program. (Res. No. 15-0283)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-18-15: That the request by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to extend its grant agreement for the Main Gallery Program be approved and the end of the grant agreement be extended to September 30, 2015; and

That the request to amend its budget for the Main Gallery Program be approved.

Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amended grant agreement consistent with the revised budget.

Fiscal Note: The amendment changes line items and extends the time of performance with no change to the total amount of the grant, \$20,000.00.

Attachments: [Main Gallery amend memo May15](#)
[Main Gallery Dec 14 budget](#)
[Main Gallery revised budget](#)

The program will have funds currently budgeted for salaries reallocated to work supplies.

A motion was made by Mr. LeGath, seconded by Alderman Perez, that the Main Gallery program budget be amended as requested and that the contract be extended to September 30, 2015. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

[15-00566](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for an extension for time of its grant for the Dr. M.L. King Jr. Center GED/HSED program. (Res. No. 15-0284)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-18-15: That request by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department be approved and its grant agreement for the Dr. M.L. King Jr. Center GED/HSED program be extended to September 30, 2015; and

That the request to amend its budget for the Dr. M.L. King Jr. Center GED/HSED program be approved.

Further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amended grant agreement consistent with the revised budget.

Fiscal Note: The amendment changes line items and extends the time of performance with no change to the total amount of the grant, \$20,000.00

Attachments: [King Center amend memo May15](#)
[King Center GED May 15 budget](#)
[GED Revised Budget May15](#)

The amendments are needed to have enough staff hours to spend HSED dollars.

A motion was made by Alderman Shakoor, II, seconded by Mr. LeGath, that the Dr. M.L. King Jr. Center GED/HSED program be amended as staff

recommended and that the contract be extended to September 30, 2015. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Presentations by Applicants for 2015 CDBG and ESG Funding

A representative of each agency applying for funding is invited to speak to the committee regarding its application. Each applicant will have three minutes to speak and may bring additional material (program one-sheets, brochures, etc.) to distribute to the committee members.

The order of the presentations will be by subject and then in order of sign-up at the meeting. The order by subject will be:

1. Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP)
2. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
3. Public Facilities and Infrastructure
4. Public Services

A representative for each agency applying for CDBG and ESG Funding was given up to three minutes to speak to the Community Development Committee. Some members distributed materials, e.g. pamphlets, to committee members.

Speakers:

*Ricardo Fierro, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin
Heather Lux, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)
Jehan Ghuari, Continuum of Care and Bethany South
Tom Eeg, Racine Department of Public Works, Streets
Ken Plaski, Racine Building Department
Donna Lyons, Family Literacy of Racine
Ola Baiyewu, Human Capital Development
Kathy Dunkerson, Racine Unified School District
Chris Litzau, Great Lakes Conservation Corp.
Jason Mars, Racine Parks and Recreation Main Gallery
Charlie French, Racine Neighborhood Watch
Ron Thomas, Continuum of Care/ESG
Steven Mussenden, Racine Literacy Council
James Schatzman, Racine Vocational Ministry
Mary Beth Aldrich, Housing Resources, Inc.
James Wilson, King Center
Tom Molbeck, City Forestry*

Administrative note: Ald. Morgenroth left the meeting before the following action items.

[15-00567](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of applications for 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. (Res. No. 15-0285)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 6-18-15: That the recommended allocation, as amended, of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency

Solutions Grant (ESG) be approved; and, that the appropriate city officials be 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 that the appropriate city officials be authorized to execute third-party contracts with the agencies approved for the use of the funds.

Fiscal Note: The recommended allocations are attachments to this item. This action allocates \$2,135,225 in Community Development Block Grant funds including administrative expenses, and \$152,315 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds, including administrative expenses.

Attachments: [2015 CDBG Allocation CDC Recom](#)
[2015 ESG CDC Recom](#)

Anguiano asked staff how WWBIC was performing as an existing microenterprise development organization and staff responded that they have performed well with no monitoring findings or concerns. Staff further stated that while WWBIC is high performing grantee, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce offered a new street outreach program that targets a growing and underrepresented group that may be unaware of business services that are available to them. Anguiano then stated it was a better idea to fund a known group with a good performance record rather than lower the groups' funding in order to fund a new organization (the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce). Frasher agreed. Campbell disagreed given the increase in the Hispanic population in Racine.

Frasher moved and LeGath seconded an amendment to the budget as presented by staff to remove funding to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and give all Microenterprise Program funding to Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation.

Additional discussion: Ald. Perez commented on the lack of funding for the King Center in the proposed budget. He suggested that if the City wants to show support for GED education programs it should be including it as a city program held at city facility, and improving the program if it is not performing well. Staff noted that, overall, agencies that partnered together on their applications tended to produce more value for the money and leveraged additional resources. Staff asked Perez if he would have fewer reservations about this issue if the literacy programs partnered together and utilized city owned community centers to provide services. Perez responded in the affirmative.

Motion to amend the staff recommendation carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Frasher, seconded by Mr. LeGath to amend the budget as presented by staff to remove funding to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and give all Microenterprise Program funding to Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 8 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Joey LeGath, Henry Perez, Anna Clementi, Jim Kaplan, Victor Frasher, Dennis Wiser and Cecilia Anguiano

NOES: 1 - Sharon Campbell

ABSENT: 1 - James Morgenroth

A motion was made by Alderman Perez, seconded by Mr. LeGath, that the recommended amended allocation of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) be approved; and, that the appropriate city officials be 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, that the appropriate city officials be authorized to execute third-party contracts with the agencies approved for the use of the funds. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Joey LeGath, Henry Perez, Anna Clementi, Jim Kaplan, Victor Frasher, Sharon Campbell, Dennis Wisner and Cecilia Anguiano

ABSENT: 1 - James Morgenroth

Administrative Business

Next Meeting: July 16, 2015

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council President Wisner adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.