

City of Racine

*City Hall
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2006

6:00 PM

Room 205, City Hall

Community Development Committee

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the members of the Common council may be present at the meeting, and although this may constitute a quorum of the Common Council, the Council will not take any action at this meeting.

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

PRESENT: Sandy Weidner, Ronald D. Hart, Gregory Holding, Gary Becker, Thomas Friedel, David L. Maack, James T. Spangenberg, Ken Lumpkin, Delia Martinez, Brian O'Connell, Donnie Snow, Lee Martinez and Sylvia Romero

EXCUSED: Carol Wallace, Jose Carbajal and Jannelle Grammer

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Director of City Development Joe Heck

Approval of Minutes for the May 25, 2006 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Friedel seconded by Alderman Holding to approve the minutes, as distributed. Motion approved.

Public Hearing on Past Expenditures of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Future Housing and Community Development Needs.

Chairman Becker opened the hearing at 6:02 p.m. and invited speakers to address the committee. There were no appearances, and Chairman Becker closed the hearing at 6:03 p.m.

06-2093

Subject: Project New Life requests an extension to January 1, 2007 of its 2005 Community Development Block Grant for the Nehemiah Place project.

Recommendation: That an extension to January 1, 2007 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Project New Life.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Friedel seconded by Alderman Spangenberg that this file be recommended for approval. Motion approved.

06-2120

Subject: Communication from Mayor Becker wishing to meet with CDBG committee to discuss the use of HOME funds or CDBG funds to help sponsor a tour of affordable homes, and home buying fair.

Recommendation: That up to \$2,500 be allocated from the CDBG Local Option Fund to sponsor a tour of affordable homes and home buying fair.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds in the Local Option Fund for this request.

Attachments: [DOC060619HOME FUNDS](#)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Alderman Friedel that this file be recommended for approval. Motion approved with Mr. Lumpkin abstaining.

[06-2227](#)

Subject: Request of the president of the Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDCO) to revise CEDCO's 2005-06 budget.

Recommendation: That CEDCO's 2005-06 budget be revised as requested.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [CEDCO.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Holding seconded by Alderman Friedel that this file be recommended for approval. Motion approved.

[06-2226](#)

Subject: Recommended Allocation of 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Short Round Funds.

Recommendation: That \$200,000 be allocated from the CDBG Local Option Fund as shown on the attached table.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds in the Local Option Fund for this request.

Attachments: [Recommended Funding.pdf](#)

The following persons appeared before the committee to make oral presentations regarding their applications and to answer questions:

Jan Roland, Habitat for Humanity

Kay Gregor and Joe Morales, Racine Literacy Council

Ed Possing, Precise Contracting

Dan Taivalkoski, Racine Food Bank

Devin Sutherland, Downtown Racine Corporation

James Wilson, M.L. King Community Center

Julia Burney-Witherspoon, Cops 'N Kids Reading Center

Takesha Fields, One Chance Studio

Kristin Niemiec, Uptown Improvement Organization

Jill Finger, RADD-CPA

Ali Haigh, Neighborhood Housing Services of Southeast Wisconsin

Bill Miller, Racine Department of Public Works

Father Ricardo Martin, St. Patrick's Parish

Trena Bond, Housing Resources, Inc.

Cherie Devitt, Women's Resource Center

Kathy Dunkersen, Racine Unified School District

Elliott Cohen, Project New Life

Tasia Collier, You and I Together
Jim Spodick, Historic Sixth Street Association
Mark Mundl and Roger Caron, Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce
Brian O'Connell, Racine Department of City Development
Deanna Fields, Searching Together Baptist Church
Cheryl Lowe and Sonia Visor, New Covenant Church
Marcia Johnson, Better Way Ministries.

A motion was made by Alderman Friedel seconded by Alderman Spangenberg that this file be recommended for approval. Motion approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development