



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Community Development Committee

Mayor Gary Becker, Chairman
Director of City Development Brian O'Connell
Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Donnie Snow
Public Health Administrator, Janelle Grammer, Alderman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman
Gregory Holding, Alderman Thomas Friedel, Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Sandy
Weidner, Alderman Aron Wisneski, Benjamin Hughes, Ken Lumpkin, Lee Martinez

Thursday, August 14, 2008

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 102

1. **Call To Order**

PRESENT: 13 - Sandy Weidner, Q.A. Shakoor, II, Brian O'Connell, Gregory Holding, Aron Wisneski, Benjamin Hughes, Gary Becker, Thomas Friedel, David L. Maack, Ken Lumpkin, Donnie Snow, Lee Martinez and Janelle Grammer

2. **Approval of Minutes for the February 28, 2008 Meeting
to Approve the Minutes**

3. [08-2496](#)

Subject: Public hearing to receive comments on past expenditures of funds and on community development needs to be met by future expenditures.

Public Hearing

Chairman Gary Becker explained that the Committee is conducting a public hearing to receive comments on past expenditures of CDBG funds and on future housing and community development needs.

Chairman Becker opened the hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Rachel Westergren, 1408 College Avenue, Neighborhood Housing Services of Southwest Wisconsin's Community Builder and Olatoye Baiyewu, 1437 Marquette Street, First Choice Pre-apprenticeship's Executive Director, appeared.

Chairman Becker closed the hearing at 6:09 p.m.

4. [08-2444](#)

Subject: Communication from Ann M Pratt, OP Executive Director HOPES Center, requesting funding for counseling services at HOPES Center. (Res.08-0983)

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-14-08: That \$22,000 be allocated from the Local Option Fund to the HOPES Center for counseling services.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Ann M. Pratt, OP., reviewed her request and described the proposed program. She said it will provide AODA and mental health counseling for the uninsured and underinsured homeless population.

A motion was made by Alderman Friedel, seconded by by Alderman Weidner to allocate \$22,000 from the Local Option Fund to the HOPES Center for counseling services. The motion PASSED on voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

5. [08-2470](#)

Subject: Communication from Carla Ward of YWCA of Racine's Empowering Women Center requesting a waiver of grant conditions and time extension.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee on 8-14-08: That the item be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Carla Ward, Director of the Empowering Women Center, reviewed her request, and described the funding YWCA has received for the Training, Inc. program.

The motion was made by Alderman Weidner, seconded by Alderman Holding to receive and file the item.

The vote was a 6-6 tie, Chairman Becker voted AYE and the motion PASSED on a voice vote.

Recommended For Denial

6. [08-2489](#)

Subject: Request of Elliott K. Cohen of Project New Life for Local Option funding for Nehemiah Place matching funds. (Res.08-0984)

Recommendation of Community Development Committee on 8-14-08: That \$17,590 be allocated from the Local Option Fund to Project New Life as match funding for the Nehemiah Place permanent housing program.

Fiscal Note: The funds are available in the Local Option Fund.

Michelle Ashbury, Project New Life, reviewed the organization's funding request.

A motion was made by Donnie Snow, seconded by Alderman Holding to allocate \$17,590 from the Local Option Fund to Project New Life, for the Nehemiah Place permanent housing program. The motion PASSED on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

7. [08-2497](#)

Subject: Request by Kristin Niemiiec of Racine County Economic Development Corporation to extend the Facade Design Incentive Grant program to the downtown Racine design area. (Res.08-0985)

Recommendation of Community Development Committee on 8-14-08: That the boundaries of the Facade Design Incentive grant

program be extended to include the Downtown design area.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Devin Sutherland, Executive Director, Downtown Racine Corporation, reviewed the request and estimated the potential use of the funds in the downtown design area.

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner, seconded by Alderman Maack, to approve the request. The motion PASSED on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Heck
Assistant Director of City Development*

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