



City of Fort Pierce, Florida
Communitywide Council Advisory Board Meeting
March 9, 2016

MINUTES

Ms. Irene Szedlmayer called the Communitywide Council meeting to order at approximately 6:14pm.

Members Present: Irene Szedlmayer, Ellen Mancini, Edward Cox, Kevin Griffin, Gwendolyn Taylor

Members Absent: Al Maige

Staff in Attendance: Libby Woodruff, Urban Redevelopment Manager

Visitors: (The meeting 'Sign In' sheet was not available following the March 9 meeting, making it impossible to list the names of all guests who attended the meeting.)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ed Cox made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting; motion carried.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made from the public.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation – Preventing Crime in the Black Community – Village Coalition of Youth Activities (Denise Sirmons, Roundtable of St. Lucie County)

A presentation was provided by Ms. Denise Sirmons, Kevin Howard and Shaniek Maynard, representatives from the Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Village Coalition of Youth Activities and the Lincoln Park Advisory Committee regarding upcoming Preventing Crime in the Black Community conference.

Following the presentation, the Communitywide Council asked questions regarding the conference. Ms. Woodruff explained that the Fort Pierce City Commission requested that the Roundtable of St. Lucie County provide a presentation to the Communitywide Council prior to requesting \$10,000 from the City Commission to bring 50 youth to the upcoming conference. Ms. Woodruff also explained that the \$10,000 would not be provided through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Motion was made by Mr. Cox to recommend for the City Commission to fund the request for the Preventing Crime in the Black Community conference; seconded by Ellen Mancini; motion carried.

B. Proposed Amendment to State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan (SHIP LHAP)

Ms. Szedlmayer asked that the record to reflect that Mr. Griffin was not in the room when the CWC voted to approve the City Commission's funding for the Preventing Crime in the Black Community Conference.

Ms. Woodruff provided information on the proposed amendment to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan (SHIP LHAP).

Ms. Woodruff explained that the City is about to close on the sale of 14 mortgages that were originally funded through Hurricane Housing Recovery (HHR) funds. The mortgage sale will result in the City receiving approximately \$739,000, which, according to the State of Florida Housing Finance Corporation, will become part of the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program.

Prior to the sale closing, the City Commission requested that Ms. Woodruff amend the City's Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) for 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, removing the Strategy #5, entitled 'Replacement of Site Built Housing'.

In accordance with the State of Florida Housing Finance Corporation guidelines, the LHAP amendment has been posted for public review and comment and is being presented to the Communitywide Council, who also serves as the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. Additionally, a 30-day review time, a public presentation and two (2) public hearings will be provided at regularly-scheduled City Commission meetings prior to the Commission passing a resolution approving the amendment.

After CWC discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cox to remove Strategy #5, Replacement of Site Built Housing from the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP); seconded by Ms. Mancini. Chair Szedlmayer stated that she wanted to clarify what prompted the amendment to the plan. Ms. Woodruff explained the upcoming sale of the mortgages to a local bank, which will provide funding for the SHIP program; motion carried. Mr. Griffin was absent for the vote.

C. Citizens Served through 2014-2016 Public Service Grants

Ms. Woodruff provided a detailed listing to the CWC that reflected the 2014-2015 Public Service Agency grantees projection to serve 3,816 Fort Pierce citizens and the actual number served of 5,153.

D. Code Enforcement – Homes Inspected in Target Area – 2014-2015

Ms. Woodruff told the CWC that the City's Code Enforcement department had projected to investigate issues related to at least 200 slum/blighted areas during 2014-2015 and had actually addressed 544 issues.

Ms. Szedlmayer stated that if the CWC is interested, she would be interested in finding out more about the Code Enforcement activities. Ms. Mancini stated that this could happen along with the tour by bus that was previously planned.

E. Discussion of City Commission Resolutions #80-26, #10-54, the Communitywide Council By-Laws, Citizen Participation Plan, and role of the Communitywide Council to Support the City of Fort Pierce's implementation of its CDBG 5-Year Plan, Annual Action Plan, and State Housing Initiatives Partnership Local Housing Assistance Plan (SHIP LHAP) (this item may be tabled until the April 13 meeting)

Ms. Woodruff provided a copy of the Communitywide Council Bylaws, Resolution #80-26, from July, 1980, which approved the Citizen Participation Plan, and Resolution #10-54, from December, 2010, which amended the number of members on the CWC and reaffirmed the responsibilities of the CWC as supporting the City of Fort Pierce in the implementation of its 5-Year Consolidated Plan, yearly Action Plans, by scoring grant applications, etc. Ms. Woodruff stated that the Communitywide Council Bylaws are in sync with the Citizen Participation Plan.

Ms. Szedlmayer asked if the CWC would be interested in lobbying the City Commission for a broader role and asked if they thought they would be interested in pursuing additional responsibility. She discussed the two terms afforded to CWC members and wondered if two terms was good for CWC members or not.

Ms. Szedlmayer stated that this should be placed on a future agenda to discuss the CWC Bylaws, City Commission resolution, etc. until a later date.

4. **Old Business**

A. Discuss, score and make recommendations for Staff to present to City Commission on 2015-2016 Public Service Grant awards

After lengthy discussion, the CWC completed their recommendations for staff to present to the City Commission on the 2015-2016 Public Service Grant Awards. (The CWC recommendations are attached to these minutes.)

B. Committee and Staff Discussion

Mr. Cox and Ms. Szedlmayer thanked everyone for their assistance in scoring the 2015-2016 PSA grant applications.

C. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Cox; seconded by Ms. Mancini; the time of meeting adjournment was not recorded.

APP #	ORGANIZATION NAME / PROJECT TITLE	\$ AMT REQUESTED	CWC SUGGESTED AWARD AMOUNT
1	St. Lucie Public Schools / St. Lucie Education Foundation	\$7,470	\$0
2	Elbethel Community Development Center / Elbethel After School Enrichment	\$7,500	\$0
3	B-CIBOP Coalition, Inc. / B-CIBOP After School Enrichment	\$7,500	\$0
4	Fort Pierce Haitian UMC / Camp Blossom	\$6,144	\$0
5	God Devine Ministry / Challenges, Changes Children's Program	\$7,500	\$0
6	Grace Education and Business Community Center / Senior Citizens Advancing Their Technology Skills – 21 st Century	\$6,000	\$0
7	Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County / Cool It! Deal with It! Anger and Management Capacity Building	\$7,500	\$4,000
8	Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County / Triple Play / Sports Program for Teens	\$7,000	\$4,000
9	St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office School Resource Unit / St. Lucie Sheriff's Office Starz Basketball Camp	\$6,485	\$4,000
10	Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. / Community Summerfest	\$2,190	\$0
11	Pink Rose Foundation / Back to School Expo	\$7,500	\$4,000
12	Golden Minds Learning Center / HOPE Program	\$7,500	\$4,000

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13	Multicultural Resource Center for Children and Families, Inc. / Next Level STEM	\$4,439	\$4,000
14	Save Our Children / Save Our Children Outdoor and Academic Advancements – Phase II	\$7,500	\$0
15	Zion’s Daughters of Distinction Ministries, Inc. / JEWELS Program	\$7,500	\$0
16	Sword Outreach Mentoring and Resource Center / Higher Learning and Community Opportunities	\$7,500	\$4,600
17	The Morning After Center for Home and Healing, Inc. / Hope, Help, Heal – Bridging the Gap from Ground Zero to Success	\$7,000	\$4,000
18	Good News R.I.O.T. Outreach Ministries / Summer Camp	\$7,500	\$0
19	Lincoln Park Council of Ministers / Memorial Garden of Prayer and Hope	\$7.500	\$0
20	Fort Pierce Police Athletic League / PAL Programs	\$7,500	\$4,000
21	MAD DADS, Fort Pierce Chapter / Black Males College Explorers	\$3,400	\$3,400

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22	SCORE, Treasure Coast Chapter / Complete and Expand SCORE Business Information Center	\$7,500	\$0
23	Future Generations of St. Lucie County, Inc. / Future Generations After School Music Program	\$7,000	\$3,500
24	Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc. / Summer Feeding Programs	\$7,500	\$4,000
25	Mount Bethel Human Services Corp., Inc. / Cutting Edge	\$7,500	\$4,000
26	Hands of St. Lucie County / Adult Dental Clinic-Dentures	\$7,500	\$4,500
27	Duke's Resource and Development / Duke's Resources	\$7,500	\$4,000
28	In the Image of Christ, Inc. / Summer Youth Broadcasting Program	\$7,500	\$0
29	New Life Fellowship Ministries, Inc. / New Beginning	\$7,500	\$0
		TOTAL REQUESTS	AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED
		\$199,628	\$60,000

All twenty-nine (29) of the Public Service Grant Applications received for the 2016 Program Year were reviewed and scored by Communitywide Council on 3-9-16.