

**City of Hollywood
Community Development Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Hollywood, Florida, held a Community Development Advisory Board Meeting on May 8, 2019 at City Hall, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Room 215, Hollywood, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Mitch Anton, at 6:36 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mitch Anton
Jim De Miles
Phil de Souza
Joann Fullington Reese
Cliff Germano
Rochelle Lessner
Diana Pittarelli
Milana Walter

Absent:

Michael Bentolila
Marty Shuham

STAFF:

Donna Biederman, Staff Liaison
Clay Milan, Community Development Manager
Anthony Grisby, Community Development Program Administrator

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None

**The board discussed upcoming board appointments. **

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

***A motion was made by Diana Pittarelli to approve the meeting minutes for March 13, 2019, March 26, 2019, March 27, 2019 and April 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Lessner. Motion passed unanimously. ***

4. New Business:

- **Final Funding Recommendations for CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2020**

Mr. Anton said that the Joint City Commission/CDAB Workshop went very well. He mentioned that Mr. Shuham did a great job representing the board.

Ms. Biederman distributed the preliminary funding recommendations that were printed from the e-mail previously sent to the board.

***A motion was made by Diana Pittarelli to accept the preliminary funding recommendations as the final funding recommendations for CDBA and HOME funds for FY 2020. The motion was seconded by Joann Fullington Reese. Discussion ensued.*

Mr. Grisby distributed a document reflecting changes in the figures from the anticipated funding and the actual funding.

***Ms. Pittarelli revised her motion to accept the preliminary funding recommendations and the proposed changes that staff presented, based on the actual figures, as the board's final funding recommendations. The revised motion was seconded by Joann Fullington Reese. Motion passed unanimously. ***

➤ **Final Funding Recommendations for General Fund Agency Grants for FY 2020**

Ms. Biederman advised that she distributed to the board, via email, the preliminary recommendations for both the CDBG and General Fund Agency Grants. She advised that the board just voted to approve the CDBG Public Services Grants, as part of the overall budget approval for CDBG and HOME funds. The board will be voting solely on the General Fund Agency Grants for this item.

***A motion was made by Jim De Miles to accept the preliminary funding recommendations as the final funding recommendations for the General Fund Agency Grants for FY 2020. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Lessner. Motion passed unanimously. ***

5. Old Business

Mr. Germano inquired about the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Grisby said that staff is in the process of putting together the entire package for the neighborhoods and revising the timeline. The funds are available and may be rolled over.

Ms. Pittarelli inquired about the Septic to Sewer conversion funds that were set aside for LMI residents.

Mr. Grisby said that it was part of last year's budget.

Ms. Pittarelli asked the board to continue to inquire about the project when she leaves the board.

Ms. Walter inquired about the possibility of more funding for the non-profit agencies.

Ms. Biederman said that the board was able to allocate more than double the funding that they have allocated in the past several years.

Mr. Grisby said that the total allocation is based on a formula set by HUD. The formula is based on about 10 different categories. He said that Ms. Walter has done a good job advocating for more State funding and Ms. Biederman is good at spreading the word to advocate for affordable housing funds.

Mr. Anton inquired whether the State reviews the City's applications or if they just remain in-house.

Mr. Grisby said that the City reports to the State annually. Periodically, they will send a technical assistance team to review the files, but they are more interested in adherence to the rules rather than performance and benefits. The federal government has a system called IDIS. The system allows you to include detailed information regarding benefits. Congress receives that information in an aggregate.

The board discussed requesting more funding from the General Fund to allocate to the non-profit agencies.

6. Member Comments:

None

7. Staff Comments

Mr. Grisby said that staff was going to offer an update on the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program, but we have already discussed it under old business. He assured the board that staff is diligently working on rolling out the package very soon.

Mr. Grisby offered an update on the ILA funds. He said that there have been some delays and many people have great ideas that staff tries to implement as part of the policies. He believes that the some of the programs may begin in June. He said that we will be able to use the funds for beautification efforts of owner-occupied properties, which is not able to be done with the federal funds. In addition, we will be implementing a rental rehabilitation program, which we have not done in the past because it was administratively expensive. We will be able to do Purchase Assistance and are corresponding with Broward County to administer the program. Rental Assistance for Essential Services and Police Officer Next Door will be offered, as well as a Relocation Assistance Program to provide Economic Development opportunities. Mr. Grisby mentioned that staff

will be revisiting the Acquisition Housing Rehabilitation Program. Some of the Commissioners had some consternation about the proposed operation of the program. Mr. Grisby said that staff has ideas of how it may move forward with non-profits to conduct the Acquisition Housing Rehabilitation Program. He said that Commissioner Biederman mentioned that he would like to see senior co-living, which gives non-profits the ability to do that, among other options such as very low income rentals, community land trusts and purchase and resale.

Ms. Biederman announced that on May 14, 2019, we will be having an Open House and Presentation of Keys to a recipient of a Housing Replacement. She invited the board to attend, if possible.

8. Adjournment:

***A motion was made by Cliff Germano to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM and was seconded by Milana Walter. The motion passed unanimously. ***