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Meeting Agenda - Amended

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

Thursday, July 5, 2007

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

WELCOME-CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Welcome

B. News and announcements

C. Community Action Coalition - Status of Community Gardens Efforts.

STAFF REPORT FOCUS ITEM

30 years of Community - Based Economic Development (2007/07 - A)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The commission will review the minutes from the June 7 meeting (2007/07-B).

REQUEST FOR RESERVE FUNDS OR MAJOR CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS.

1. *Rainbow Project: Wall Repair (2007/07-C)*
Rainbow is requesting \$8785 to repair existing building tiles on its East Washington site.
2. *Interfaith Hospitality Network: Housing and Hope (2007/06-D)*
IHN is requesting \$616,000 to acquire four 8-plexus to create 30 units of permanent housing with quality case management for families.
3. *Porchlight: Porchlight : Porchlight Product (2007/06-E)*
Porchlight is requesting CDBG funds to help capitalize the materials and upfront cost to initial a speciality food business employing homeless people.
4. *Urban League (2007/07-F)*
The Urban League seeks additional funds for its new Economic Development Center.
5. *Atwood/Goodman Community Center (2007/07-G)*
Atwood is seeking City approval to use an amount equivalent to the value of the CDBG loans in 3 current Atwood buildings for construction of a gymnasium adjacent to the former Kupfers Ironworks, as well as some additional funds.
6. *Community Coordinated Child Care Inc. (2007/07-H)*
4C is requesting that the City subordinate to a new first mortgage on a building previously assisted with CDBG funds.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR ACTION

- A. *Issues and/or referrals to or from the Common Council*
Staff and Alders will update the Commission on Council actions regarding previous Commission recommendations and Council action.
- B. *Reports from committees with CDBG Commission representation and designation of Commission representatives.*
 1. *Gardens Committee (Choudhury)*
 2. *Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award Committee*
 3. *Committee on Office of Neighborhood Support (Sanders)*
 4. *Housing Committee*
 5. *Other Commission representation or relationships*
- C. *Update on Allied strategies.*

STAFF REPORT

July Staff Report (2007/07-A)

A. Trends in national, state and local community/neighborhood development issues and budgets.

B. Correspondence and reports from various groups and individuals.

C. Status of current projects.

D. Notice of potential conflict of interest situation and request.

The Urban League of Greater Madison has developed a Board of Directors with representatives from various businesses that help them carry out their mission, including some businesses that provide technical assistance, some that create employment for graduates of the League's programs and some that provide special resources for the League's operations.

The League approached Tri-North, a local construction firm, and asked for a representative of the company to serve on their Board. Darrin Noak is employed by Tri-North, and volunteered to serve on the League's Board of Directors, helping to provide technical expertise to the group.

The Urban League is now exploring the use of Tri-North as a construction manager for its upcoming new office building project. The League has employed Barrientos and Associates to do the design work, and has now applied to the City for the use of HUD CDBG funds to apply toward the construction of the building.

The membership of Mr. Noak on the Board of the Urban League and his employment with a business who may act as construction manager for the office building may constitute a conflict of interest as defined by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG funding regulations. In such cases, the usual course of action is for the individual to abstain from all participation in the Urban League Board discussions regarding construction choices for the Urban League, and for the Urban League to request that the City request of HUD a waiver to the HUD conflict of interest requirements.

The CDBG Commission adopted an operating policy that permits CD Office staff to pursue with HUD exceptions to the Federal conflict of interest rules as permitted by HUD regulations, unless the Commission takes action to prohibit such a request in specific cases when presented to the Commission and officially noticed on the Commission agenda. HUD makes the final decision on all such requests for an exception.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted on behalf of Charlie Sanders, Chair.

Next meeting:

Thursday, September 6, 2007, 5:00 PM, Room 260 MMB

Additional information may be obtained from, or written comments may be submitted to the CD Office, Madison Municipal Building, Room 280, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., P.O. Box 2985, Madison, WI 53701-2985; email: cdbg@cityofmadison.com; website: www.cityofmadison.com/cdbg.