



# City of Madison Meeting Minutes - Final

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

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Thursday, July 26, 2007

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 120 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

*Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM.*

**Present:** Tim Bruer, Thuy Pham-Remmele, Marsha A. Rummel, Monya A. Choudhury, Arthur V. Robinson, Lina Trivedi and Charlie R. Sanders

**Excused:** Kristina L. Dux, Steven C. Bartlett, Carl G. Silverman and Justin O. Markofski

*Staff present: Barb Constans*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*There was none.*

#### 07094

#### STAFF REPORT FOCUS ITEM AND COMMISSION ACTION ITEM

*Saunders said that CD staff has offered the Commission three options to consider for the 3% cut. He said the Commission could agree to one of the staff options or come up with a recommendation of its own. The three staff options as enumerated in the memo given to Commissioners are*

- (1) Institute an across-the-board-cut of 3% to all City-funded projects. The advantage to this option is its apparent "fairness" to all projects and agencies by cutting each equally; the disadvantage is that it avoids distinguishing among different projects relative to their effectiveness, their priority to CDBG's mission, and the degree of need or challenge they undertake.*
- (2) Select one project for the entire cut to be chosen on the basis of lower need, inadequate performance, incongruence with CDBG goals, or level of funding/effort. Staff stated that one project funded by the CD Office that is not meeting its primary performance goals is the Labor Council's Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program. Initial reports for the first six months of this year suggest that the project has been more successful in recruiting and preparing people who live outside of Dane County than it has been in recruiting and preparing city residents, especially residents of Allied, the project's stated area of focus. Staff suggested meeting the Mayor's 3% budget reduction by decreasing the funding level of the Labor Council's Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program by \$21,308.*
- (3) Select two or three projects for such a cut to be chosen on the basis of lower need, inadequate performance, incongruence with CDBG goals, or level of funding/effort. Instead of cutting the full 3% from just one project, staff offered another option of decreasing the funding from two projects that are either not performing as well as expected, such as the Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program, or are not as high a priority to CDBG's mission, such as the*

*Salvation Army's Warming Shelter Program, which is not as consistent with CDBG's goals of expanding the transitional and permanent housing end of the "Continuum of Care" for homeless persons and funding homeless prevention and services to move people out of shelters into more appropriate housing. Staff suggested decreasing the 2008 level of the Labor Council's Pre-Apprenticeship Program by \$11,308 and decreasing the Salvation Army Warming Shelter Program by \$10,000 to reach the 3% goal.*

*Discussion highlights:*

- Choudhury said she preferred option two to any of the others.*
- Constans explained how staff arrived at their recommendations to reduce the Labor Council's funding based on a couple of factors. First, she said that the Labor Council has not had as many recruits for its program from the Allied area as they had originally anticipated with their application during last summer's funding process for 2007-2008 funds. She said that 82% of the Labor Council's recruits have been from outside of Dane County, while only 7% have been from the Allied area. Second, the Commission hadn't wanted to fund the program at its full amount, but Council had put more City money toward the project in the Capital Budget during the Capital Budget process for 2007.*
- Trivedi said she was disturbed that City money originally intended to have an impact on Allied has not only assisted very few Allied residents, but also has had more success assisting residents outside Dane County.*
- Choudhury said that she believes the Labor Council would probably have an easier time replacing their lost City funds than the Salvation Army would in replacing \$10,000 for its Warming Shelter.*
- Bruer asked staff for a report on what issues the Labor Council has had in meeting compliance with their project goals. He said that the Labor Council had sold their project to the Commission as benefiting Allied, and although it is a well-intentioned project and Allied seemed the best place for them to focus on, the program just has not performed as promised or expected.*
- Rummel said she had reservations about cutting an economic development/job training program aimed at benefiting Allied, until she learned that the Labor Council's project seems to barely be helping Allied at all.*
- Trivedi said that although the trades are good for many people, the program has not worked for Allied as promised. She said it makes more sense to cut this program since it's not performing for Allied.*
- Robinson said that cutting the Labor Council Pre-Apprenticeship Program would send them a message that they must step up their performance in Allied.*
- Bruer said he wants the minutes to specifically reflect the Commission's apprehension about the Labor Council's compliance with their stated goals and with the fact that City money is being spent outside of Madison and Dane County. He said that based on the Labor Council's performance, it would conceivably be possible for the CDBG Commission to cut as much as 82% of their funding based on the fact that 82% of their clients have come from outside of Dane County and fund them at only 7% of their current level based on the numbers of Allied residents they've served. However, he said, the Commission doesn't necessarily want to take such drastic action, but would like the Labor Council to know that CDBG is concerned with their performance and wants them to do more to serve Allied as was their original intent.*

*Robinson moved to approve Option 2 of staff's recommendation to meet the 3% budget*

cut by decreasing the 2008 funding level of the Labor Council Pre-Apprenticeship Training Project by \$21,308. Pham-Remmele seconded. Robinson rejected a friendly amendment suggested by Choudhury to recommend that the funding cuts be considered as a supplement for restored funding.

**A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Pham-Remmele, to Approve Option 2 of staff's recommendation to meet the 3% budget cut by decreasing the 2008 funding level of the Labor Council Pre-Apprenticeship Training Project by \$21,308. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Excused:** Dux, Bartlett, Silverman and Markofski

**Aye:** Pham-Remmele, Rummel, Choudhury and Robinson

**Abstain:** Bruer and Trivedi

## OTHER BUSINESS OF ACTION

### 07088

Issue and/or referrals to or from the Common Council

*Bruer said that City leaders are organizing a "State of the City" report to include the state of neighborhoods. They're hoping to come up with a snapshot of neighborhoods for Common Council members using the Charlotte model. They will be examining neighborhood indicators to determine which neighborhoods are challenged and in need of City strategies and resources.*

### 07092

Reports from committee with CDBG Commission representation and designation of Commission representatives.

1. *Gardens Committee (Choudhury)*

*Saunders said he would email Hurie for more information on the Gardens Committee, which Choudhury will serve on.*

2. *Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award Committee*

*Trivedi volunteered to be on the committee, and Choudhury said she would officially resign. Choudhury said she would email the committee to let them know she is resigning but that Trivedi has volunteered to serve instead.*

3. *Committee on Office of Neighborhood of Support (Sanders)*

*There was no report.*

4. *Housing Committee*

*There was no report.*

5. *Other Commission Representation or Relationships*

*There was no report.*

*The Commission will meet again in the Parks Conference Room 120 at its next meeting on September 6.*

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bruer, seconded by Robinson, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.

*at 6:00 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Kenny*