



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

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Thursday, April 3, 2008

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 310 (City County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Charlie Sanders called the meeting to order.

**Member Inductee: Art Robinson.**

**Present:** 5 -

Thuy Pham-Remmele; Marsha A. Rummel; Monya A. Choudhury; Carl G. Silverman and Charlie R. Sanders

**Excused:** 4 -

Tim Bruer; Lina Trivedi; Steven C. Bartlett and Justin O. Markofski

Staff present: Hickory Hurie and Mary Charnitz, CD Office staff.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No Members of the public who were present sought to speak to the Commission.

### WELCOME CHAIR'S REPORT

Sanders reviewed the agenda for the meeting, noting the schedule for various projects.

### FOCUS ITEM: "Taking Stock of Current Projects"

The Commission postponed discussion on the focus topic until after discussion about the proposal request from Vegan Haven.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Silverman moved and Choudory seconded approval of the minutes of March 6 as written. The Commission voted 4 to 0 in favor of the motion to approve the minutes.

### REQUEST FOR FUNDS OR MAJOR CHANGES IN CURRENTLY FUNDED PROJECTS

1 Vegan Haven CICAA Inc. (2008/04-C)

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Vegan Alternative Meal Project

**Attachments:** [Vegan Free Alternative Meal Project](#)  
[Vegan Meals](#)

The Commission reviewed the proposal from Cheryl Elkington regarding the preparation and delivery of vegan alternative food to homeless persons. Ms. Elkington was not present, although staff indicated that she had been notified of the meeting via verbal and written notice. The Commission discussed their observations regarding the capacity of the applicant to organize an eligible entity, to demonstrate financial feasibility for the operation, and to respond to a community need. Some Commissioners concluded that serving meals on the streets would raise additional health and other problems for a neighborhood.

**Silverman moved and Pham-Remmele seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation to fund the project at \$0. The Commission voted 4 to 0 to approve the motion.**

#### STAFF REPORTS

Staff reviewed a synopsis of the annual performance report submitted to HUD on March 31, 2008. Staff indicated that the Commission would receive the entire report at its May meeting. Hurie reviewed the charts and numbers indicating trends, allocations, and some materials regarding Madison's performance relative to other Wisconsin cities.

Commissioners noted that the Madison CDBG Office exhibits a relatively low administrative cost per project dollars expended. Commissioners also expressed a desire to query HUD regarding the relatively slow draw down of HOME funds for Waukesha, since Madison could very well use those funds here to produce housing effectively.

#### OTHER REPORT

Reports from committees on which CDBG Commissioners serve: Sanders reported that the Gardens Committee was moving ahead with support for a common fee structure. Pham-Remmele reported that the Emerging Funds Committee had been approved by the Common Council but had yet to meet, and expressed her concern and goal that the Committee act to allocate funds for a pilot Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

The Office of Neighborhood Support Committee has yet to meet. Hurie noted that the CDBG Commission was told it would have to adopt special operating rules to permit an alternative member to serve as a representative of the Commission, as have several other commissions in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Choudhury moved and Silverman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hickory Hurie, recorder.