

MINUTES

**CITY OF GLENDALE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
RECOMMENDATION PUBLIC MEETING #2
GLENDALE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
BASEMENT LEVEL, CONFERENCE ROOM B-3
5850 W. GLENDALE AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

**Thursday, January 23, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cherie Hudson, Vice Chair
Matthew Versluis
Shirley Wong
Randy Miller
John Torres
Chuck Jared
Pattie Johnston
Marcellous Sanders
Ronald Jauregui
Sue Pederson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Cheshier
Art Swander, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Gilbert Lopez, Revitalization Administrator
Charyn Palmisano, Revitalization Supervisor
Mona Francis, Revitalization Supervisor
Elizabeth Garcia, Revitalization Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Vice Chair Hudson took roll call.

III. Minutes

Committee-member Miller motioned to approve the January 8, 2014 meeting minutes as written and the January 9, 2014 meeting minutes with the change on page 6 as follows: "Committee-member Miller asked about the churches that are involved." changed to "Committee-member Torres asked about the churches that are involved." Committee-member Torres made the second. The motion passed 10 – 0.

IV. Business from the Floor

None.

V. Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Physical Improvements and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Funding Requests

Vice Chair Hudson announced that the floor was open for discussion on the grant funding recommendations.

Committee-member Torres stressed the importance of assisting local Glendale agencies and asked the other Committee-members to keep this in mind when making funding recommendations.

Committee-member Miller commented that it appeared that the salaries for Arizona Bridge to Independent Living comprised a large portion of the agency budget. Committee-member Sanders agreed and noted that the agency assisted approximately 12 individuals in Glendale which equates to approximately \$3,600 per person. Committee-member Miller expressed concern that since the agency does modify rental homes, the landlords do benefit from the modifications and may later be able to rent the unit for an increased price due to the upgrades.

Committee-member Torres commented on Heart of the City and stated that the agency has a deep presence in the neighborhoods working with the children. Committee-member Torres commented that the agency staff is on the front lines with the inner city children. Committee-member Miller stated that that staff salaries are relatively low at \$70,000 for two staff members.

Committee-member Versluis commented that the water costs could be a major concern in the long run for the garden proposed by Heart of the City. Committee-member Pederson stated that it was important for the mentors to develop relationships with the children and the garden is another vehicle to do so. Committee-member Torres noted that mentors are very important in a child's life and the garden could have a great impact on some of these children.

All Committee-members agreed upon funding for Hope for Hunger. Committee-member Torres suggested funding above the requested amount due to the great need for food in the community.

Committee-member Torres complimented Valley Life staff on the great exterior condition of their homes.

Committee-member Versluis mentioned that the contract employee for the Code Compliance Division was noted in the grant application as receiving benefits. Committee-member Versluis thought contract employees did not receive benefits. Mr. Lopez agreed but explained that when the job was posted without benefits, there were no applicants. Therefore, the department had to look at ways to attract applicants and so benefits for the position were offered in order to better compete in the marketplace.

Committee-member Torres commented that the Velma Teague Library was definitely in need of renovations; however, wondered if the library would continue to be operational in the future. Committee-member Sanders has been to the library and stated that the conditions are horrible. Committee-member Jared agreed.

Committee-member Miller commented that it was difficult to fund the full amount requested for the street improvement due to the great need in other areas. The other Committee-members agreed.

Vice Chair Hudson asked Mr. Lopez if staff had heard from the Newtown presenters who did not attend the grant presentations. Mr. Lopez stated that staff did call the agency representatives but have not received return phone calls. Mr. Lopez was puzzled because in the past, agency representatives always attended the hearing presentations.

Committee-member Miller motioned to approve the following (CDBG) Physical Improvements and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) grant funding recommendations for FY 2014-15 as follows:

CDBG - PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

HOUSING RELATED PROGRAMS:

- 2-1 Arizona Bridge to Independent Living – Glendale Home Accessibility Program (GHAP): No funding**
- 2-2 Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona – Emergency Home Repair Program: \$375,000**
- 2-3 City of Glendale – Community Housing Division – Public Housing ADA Accessibility: \$132,515**

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

- 2-4 Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) – Vista Colina Emergency Shelter & Physical Improvements: No funding**
- 2-5 Heart of the City – Youth Programs: \$80,000**
- 2-6 Hope for Hunger Corporation – 2014 Hunger Fighters: \$60,000**
- 2-7 Valley Life – Upgrade Group Homes Facilities: No funding**
- 2-8 City of Glendale Economic Development – Visual Improvement Program: No funding**
- 2-9 City of Glendale Code Compliance – Blighted Vacant Properties Program: \$20,000**
- 2-10 City of Glendale Code Compliance – Neighborhood Preservation Program: \$40,000**
- 2-11 City of Glendale Parks and Recreation and Library Services – Velma Teague Branch Library Renovation - \$201,356**

2-12 City of Glendale Public Works Department/Street Maintenance Division – Street Reconstruction/Paving: No funding

HOME

4-1 Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona – Land Acquisition/Site Improvements/Rehab: \$301,445

4-2 Newtown Community Development Corporation – Community Land Trust Homeownership: No funding

Committee-member Torres made the second. Motion carried 10 - 0.

VI. Adjournment

Committee-member Torres motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Committee-member Miller made the second. The motion passed 10 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Kazmierczak
Recording Secretary