

MINUTES

Citizen's District Council Meeting
City of Muskegon CDBG
Conference Room 203
Muskegon, Michigan
Tuesday, January 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pat Montney at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Liz Parker.

Present: Patricia Montney, Ned Carter, Rosalind Ford, Virgie Jackson,
Stephanie Marion, Tom Pastoor, Addie Sanders-Randall, Amy
Varnado

Excused: Jonathan Phillips, Steve Gawron

Staff Present: Oneata Bailey, Liz Parker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rosalind Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting. Ned Carter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **2012 CDBG & HOME Entitlement Estimates**

Oneata Bailey started the meeting with a handout showing the 2012 Allocation Estimates from HUD, which is not based on the 2010 Census data and is calculated by someone at HUD. In 2012, Muskegon is estimated to receive only \$830,400 in CDBG funds, which is down from \$911,340 and \$244,043 in HOME funds, which is down from \$284,337. There are ongoing discussions between Muskegon and HUD as to the amount, especially when compared to Jackson, MI (estimated to received \$1,150,997), which is about the same size as Muskegon. There will not be any push for applications because of the decrease and things will probably be as they are for one year and see if things change next year with the Census data. Tom Pastoor asked will there be percentage reductions across the board from the same programs as last year. Oneata said yes, that is what she has been told.

Pat Montney asked what the CDC's purpose is if they have no input; what are they meeting for? Oneata stated CDBG requires direct input from citizens in the community. Tom asked if the Five-year Consolidated Plan is for naught. Oneata said no because the Action Plan can enhance the Consolidated Plan and can be amended based upon

the community and money changes. The Consolidated Plan is a skeleton; we can add the flesh to it with each new Action Plan. Tom asked what 'we' is considered. Oneata said the City of Muskegon, citizens and City Commissioners. It is difficult to go forward and do bigger things with less money. Tom said you could still do different things. Oneata said there is no set plan. Tom felt CDBG means community development and he doesn't see money being spent on that. Addie Sanders-Randall said they need new strategies. Pat asked if the CDC would be given opportunities to make recommendations. Oneata suggested the CDC come up with suggestions and ideas of what they would like to happen in lieu of what has already happened to discuss at the next meeting, keeping in mind the timeframes to write the Action Plan for this year. Oneata is in favor of youth programs. Addie Sanders-Randall said the youth are our future. Pat asked if the departments were going to compete for the money. Oneata said the results will show what has and has not worked with the departments and the CDC make recommendations accordingly. The results vs. new plan will be available at the next CDC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Goodbye to Some Members**

Ned Carter and Amy Varnado are not renewing their terms, which are up January 31, 2012. Oneata thanked them for all their time and patience during their terms. Amy stated she didn't mind giving up her time to serve on this board, as long as what she's here for is really important; the last couple of cycles it has been a foregone conclusion when you have no money there is nothing to discuss or debate and the input isn't as relevant as it was when she first started on the committee. Pat Montney said she is saddened Amy and Ned will no longer be on the committee.

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Virgie Jackson and Tom Pastoor were nominated for Vice Chair. Tom said he would take on the position. Ned Carter made the motion to close the nominations and vote; Rosalind seconded. Motion passed unanimously for Tom Pastoor to be the Vice Chair.

- **Next CDC Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 203.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Montney adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Liz Parker
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City of Muskegon