



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Public Hearing for 2021 Funding
August 25, 2020
Virtual- Zoom Meeting**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair, Ron HUE, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was met.

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ron Hue, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Earp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bobbie Littrell, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vel Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Pocasangre	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Watts	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Donner	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alisha Piper, Community Development Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Palmer, Director Management Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad Beauchamp, City Council Liaison

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron HUE opened the discussion on the January 2020 minutes and asked for a motion –Bobbie LITTRELL motioned for the minutes to be approved as written – Vel WRIGHT seconded the motion – it was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ron HUE opened the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m. and closed the Hearing at 4:07 p.m. No comments had been received prior to the meeting and no citizens had registered to address the committee in the virtual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Cares Act Funds- (COVID-19): Alisha PIPER reported the City had received just over \$400,000 from the CARES ACT and funds had been used as staff/committee suggested, and subsequently approved by Council. Alisha said she has included updates under NEW BUSINESS. Senior Life Resources- Meals on Wheels and \$10,000 Microenterprise grants for (29)- LMI businesses were awarded funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Ron HUE opened the discussion for election of officers. Bobbie LITTRELL nominated Ron HUE for Chair, Vel WRIGHT seconded the motion – it was approved unanimously. Bruce DONNER nominated Bobbie LITTRELL for Vice-Chair, Ron HUE seconded the motion- it was approved unanimously.

Program Updates: Alisha PIPER gave updates to the 2020 Projects and the Cares Act Projects. The infrastructure projects are in various stages. The Pedestrian Pathway project is starting in a few weeks. The Parks projects are almost complete and the Microhomes project is out to bid. Public services scholarship programs have struggled to use their funds due to COVID and social distancing. However, Meals on Wheels has been able to use their funds, plus the additional funds granted from the Cares Act funding. The Microenterprise grants were all distributed through Mercy Corps Northwest, the subrecipient of the funds.

Discussion: Bobbie LITTRELL asked if the difficulty spending the scholarship money would put the City in jeopardy with HUD. Alisha PIPER explained that the City would not be in a timeliness situation since the infrastructure projects are still moving forward and able to spend enough of the current funds, as HUD requires.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.