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Community Development Steering Committee Meeting

Two Civic Center Plaza
8th Floor – Community Development Conference Room
Tuesday, April 1, 2008

There being a quorum, Jim Welshimer called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Members Present

John Doering
Rocio Hinojosa
Ana Dueñez
Billie Brown
Annette Stone
Miguel Grijalva
Jessie Sustaita
Jim Welshimer

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Bill Lilly, Director
Anthony Shaar, Deputy Director
Edna Hidalgo, Office Manager
Pat White, Housing Program Manager
Rhoda Tillman, CDBG Contract Administrator
Judy Sarabia, Senior Grant Planner
Tom Serrano, Senior Grant Planner
Connie Jimenez, Grant Planner
Susie Moralez, Recording Secretary

Agenda

1. Discussion and Action on Steering Committee Absences – Jim Welshimer, Chairperson

Not applicable.

2. Presentation by Community Development Staff Regarding the Deletion of Hospice of El Paso's Patience Assistance Fund, a 33rd Year (2007-2008) CDBG Social Service Project Funded for \$40,541, and Discussion and Recommendation by the Steering Committee Regarding the Re-distribution of the \$40,541 to the Following 33rd Year (2007-2008) Mental and Medical Health Services Collaborative Agencies:

- A. Centro de Salud La Fe – Care Center HIV Case Mgt - \$10,135
- B. Centro San Vicente – Community Oriented Primary Health Care - \$10,135
- C. El Paso Child Guidance Center – Children’s Mental Health/Abuse Prevention - \$10,135
- D. Family Services of El Paso – Community Development Counseling Program - \$10,136

Lucia Dawson, Executive Director of Familia del Paso and Vice-Chair of the Mental and Medical Health Services Collaborative comments on how CDBG funding is being used by the agencies. Michele Ellington discusses the fund dividing process.

Richard Salcido, Executive Director of Family Services of El Paso, and Sue Jacobson, Executive Director of El Paso Child Guidance Center, speak in support of the fund re-distribution.

Rocio Hinojosa makes a motion to accept the fund re-distribution as presented, Billie Brown seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

- 3. **Presentation by Community Development Staff Regarding Reconsideration of the Steering Committee’s 34th Year (2008-2009) Children and Youth Services Collaborative Budget Recommendation – Bill Lilly, Director**

Bill Lilly discusses the process that the reconsideration of the budget underwent.

- 4. **Discussion and Recommendation by the Steering Committee to Fund Teens in Action for a Healthy Community, Inc.’s “English Reloaded” CDBG Social Services Project in the amount of \$25,902 instead of the previously recommended El Paso Human Services, Inc.’s “Youth Leadership Skills” Project**

Gerry Porter, Grants Committee Chair for the Assistance League Children and Youth, discusses the importance of the “English Reloaded” project.

Ivan Garcia, Assistance Director of Teens in Action, and Barbara Diaz, Executive Director of Teens in Action speak in support of the project.

- 5. **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

None.

- 6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.