

MINUTES

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
Judy Sarabia, Senior Grant Planner
Tom Serrano, Senior Grant Planner
Kevin Pitts, Grant Planner
Michele Ellington, 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 redistribution process, and the necessity for doing so at this time.

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. The motion passes unanimously.

- 3. **Presentation by Community Development Staff Regarding Reconsideration 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 explains that a meeting between Community Development staff and El Paso Human Services recently took place to ensure that the proposed services for the 34th Year will fully comply with HUD’s rules and regulations. The El Paso Human Services Executive Director was present at that meeting. After the meeting, El Paso Human Services voluntarily withdrew its application for funding.

- 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**

Geri Porter, Acting Chair of the Children and Youth Collaborative, stated that a collaborative meeting was held on March 27, 2008 to discuss funding another program since El Paso Human Services withdrew its application. After discussion, a vote was taken in which the collaborative recommended funding the Teens in Action English Reloaded! Project in place of El Paso Human Services.

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

Jessie Sustaita makes a motion to accept the recommendation as presented; Ana Duenez seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

5. **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.