

Approved Minutes of
Special Meeting
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield Street, Oak Park

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Glynne Gervais at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair Glynne Gervais, Annabel Abraham, Walter Afable, Larissa Hisatomi, Kevin Hooper, Lynn Kessen & Sharon Stolz

ABSENT: Gail Bien

GUEST: Phyllis Russell

STAFF PRESENT: Tammie Grossman, Housing and CDBG Programs Manager;
Mark Dwyer, Grants Supervisor (& Recording Secretary)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Chair Gervais asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Noting none, agenda approved unanimously. Chair Gervais welcomed Phyllis Russell who was visiting as a potential CDCAC member.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Afable to approve the minutes of May 2, 2013 as drafted, seconded by Ms. Kessen. Approval of the minutes as drafted with minor changes passed by unanimous voice vote.

A Day in Our Village, June 2, 2013: Several committee members participated. The CDCAC shared a table with HPAC and CIC, two other citizen committees. Members who attended said that it was fun to work the table but noted that, for next year, we should have promotional materials to give to the public. A member suggested that CDBG/ESG literature should have talking points that include stories from beneficiaries of the grant.

Application Timing and CDCAC Meeting Dates: Due to the incremental program year change, with PY 2014 starting on July 1, 2014, the 2014 funding and meeting process can start later than before. Chair Gervais asked committee members to look at the calendar provided, and the committee came up with the following dates:

Presentations

- Presentations I, Tues, October 29, 2013
- Presentations II, Weds, October 30, 2013
- Presentations III, Tues, November 5, 2013

- Presentations IV, Thurs, November 7, 2013

Working Meeting to decide funding levels

- Tues, December 3, 2013

Public Hearing (comments on recommendations)

- Tues, December 17, 2013

Meetings will start at 7 p.m. Locations will be determined later.

It was noted that PY 2014 Public Service applicants will be asking for a specific amount of Special Cook County Gap Funds in their online applications, based on the loss of the three months in PY 2014 – April, May & June 2014.

Update on Federal Funding, 2013 and 2014: Grants Supervisor Mark Dwyer provided an update on the federal funding situation, saying that the Village just received the 2013 Grant Agreement with HUD. It will be signed and returned to HUD, and a few weeks later, the 2013 grant funds will be available to the Village and its Subrecipients.

The biggest news with regard to 2014 was that no 2014 Federal HUD spending bill was passed in either chamber and that a Continuing Resolution will be the likely outcome. If this occurs, 2014 funding levels will be nearly the same as the 2013 levels for CDBG and ESG.

Other Business: Tammie Grossman mentioned that at the previous meeting she had briefly discussed the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) and the Fair Housing Work Plan. In that same subject area, she gave a summary of a special joint meeting of the Village's Housing Programs Advisory Committee and the Community Relations Commission, the purpose of which was to determine recommendations to the Village Board with regard to Oak Park's Human Rights Ordinance. As a result, both committees voted in favor of the inclusion of *Source of Income* as a protected class, with some exceptions.

Several CDCAC Members participated in *Envision*, the process for Oak Park's new Comprehensive Plan, and reported that the experience has been interesting and rewarding.

Chair Glynne Gervais attended a meeting for Village committee/commission chairpersons and found it to be worthwhile.

It was stated that new (and newer) members will receive information on the grants and the award process, even beyond the Member Handbook. In November, all members will receive a progress report on all applicants that have received grants in one or more of the last three program years.

ADJOURNMENT (voice vote): Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Dwyer