

Approved Minutes of  
Regular Meeting  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Village of Oak Park  
Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.  
Village Hall, Room 101, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Kessen at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Chair Lynn Kessen, Walter Afable, Catherine Bendowitz, Larissa Hisatomi and Phyllis Logan

**ABSENT:** Phyllis Russell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Dwyer, Grants Supervisor (Staff Liaison & Recording Secretary)

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:** Chair Kessen asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Noting none, Agenda approved unanimously.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Noting none, Chair Kessen moved on to the not-yet-approved minutes from the previous meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ms. Logan to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015 as drafted, seconded by Mr. Afable. Approval of the minutes as drafted passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Kessen asked persons who signed up to provide comments on the CDCAC funding recommendations.

**Public Comments**

1. Armando Smith of Housing Forward and Cristy Harris of Prevail (partner in Housing Forward's Employment Readiness PY 2015 CDBG Public Services proposed activity) thanked the committee but also wanted to know why the activity was recommended for \$5,000 with a \$47,150 request. Members gave a number of reasons and Mr. Smith asked the committee if they would consider moving \$10,000 in CDBG Public Services funds from Housing Forward's Emergency Shelter proposed activity (funded at \$20,000) to the proposed Employment Readiness CDBG activity. Mr. Smith and Ms. Harris both noted that Housing Forward can make up the difference for Housing Forward's Emergency Shelter proposed activity by fundraising, but they cannot do so with the proposed Employment Readiness CDBG activity. Chair Kessen asked Mr.

Smith and Ms. Harris to remain in the room until all the speakers had spoken and the committee would deliberate about whether they would consider the request.

The following persons thanked the CDCAC for recommending PY 2015 CDBG funding for their agencies:

1. Bob Atkinson from Oak Leyden Developmental Services, which was recommended for CDBG Facilities Improvement funding;
2. Phil Jimenez from the West Cook YMCA which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding;
3. Kaye Masters from Community Support Services, which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding;
4. Rob Breymaier from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding;
5. Wendy Epstein from the Children's Clinic, which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding;
6. Amy O'Rourke from Hephzibah Children's Association, which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding; and
7. Sharece Davis from Catholic Charities-Accolade Adult Day Services, which was recommended for CDBG Public Services funding.

**New Business:** With regard to Mr. Smith's request that the committee consider moving \$10,000 in CDBG Public Services funds from Housing Forward's Emergency Shelter proposed activity (funded at \$20,000) to the proposed Employment Readiness CDBG activity (funded at \$5,000), committee members said they were open to discussing the request. After much discussion, also involving questions to both Mr. Smith and Ms. Harris, a motion was made by Mr. Afbale to move the funds as requested, seconded by Ms. Logan. Approval of the motion passed by unanimous voice vote, summarized as the CDCAC moving \$10,000 in CDBG Public Services recommended funds from Housing Forward's Emergency Shelter proposed activity (PY 2015 funding recommendation now at \$10,000) to the proposed Employment Readiness CDBG activity (PY 2015 funding recommendation now at \$15,000).

A motion was then made by Mr. Afbale to approve all of the CDCAC recommendations from June 2, 2015, as amended by the Housing Forward changes, seconded by Ms. Bendowitz. Approval of the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Thus, the PY 2015 funding recommendations to the Village Board are as follows:

<b>PY 2015 CDBG Public Services</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
AACF	\$0
Catholic Charities-Accolade	\$4,200
Catholic Charities-Grove Apartments	\$5,000
Children's Clinic	\$22,000
Community Support Services	\$8,105
Hephzibah Children's Assn.	\$15,000
Housing Forward - Emergency Shelter	\$10,000
Housing Forward - Employment Readiness	\$15,000
NAMI Metro-Suburban	\$8,000
OP Regional Housing Center	\$70,000
OPRF Food Pantry	\$25,000
Parenthesis - Mothering on Our Own	\$5,000
Parenthesis - Parenteen	\$10,000
Sarah's Inn	\$8,500
West Cook YMCA	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225,805</b>

<b>PY 2015 CDBG Public Facility Improvements</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Oak Leyden	\$19,000
UCP-Seguín	\$19,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>

<b>PY 2015 ESG</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Alliance to End Homelessness, HMIS	\$10,000
Housing Forward, Emergency Shelter	\$21,200
Housing Forward, Homeless Prevention	\$31,000
Housing Forward, Rapid Re-Housing	\$50,000
Housing Forward, Street Outreach	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$127,200</b>

<b>Cook Co. Gap, 2015</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Children's Clinic	\$4,653
Community Support Services	\$3,232
Housing Forward	\$6,722
NAMI Metro-Suburban	\$1,551
OP Regional Housing Center	\$25,594
OPRF Food Pantry	\$6,463
Parenthesis - Mothering on Our Own	\$2,585
Parenthesis - Parenteen	\$2,714
Sarah's Inn	\$2,327
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,841</b>

**Other Business:** Mark Dwyer brought up the upcoming Day In Our Village festival in which the CDCAC would share a booth with two other Village commissions and asked for a member to volunteer to work the 3 p.m. slot. Ms. Logan said she would do so and was thanked for offering.

Mr. Afbale, the longest-serving member on the committee, stated that this would be his last meeting. He was thanked heartily by Chair Kessen, CDCAC members and Mr. Dwyer.

**ADJOURNMENT (voice vote):** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Dwyer