

Approved Minutes of
Regular Meeting (Presentations I)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
April 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall, Room 101, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Phyllis Russell at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair Phyllis Russell, Catherine Bendowitz, Jason Bergwerff, Adam Hirsch, Phyllis Logan, Richard Rogers, Cindy Gray Schneider and Alison Spanner

ABSENT: Julia Hamel, (with advance notice)

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Dwyer, Grants Supervisor (Staff Liaison) and Elia Gallegos, Grants Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the CDCAC meeting minutes of March 20, 2018, as drafted. Approval of the minutes as drafted passed by unanimous voice vote.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Russell asked if there was any non-agenda public comment. Noting none, Chair Russell called on PY 2018 Grant Application, presentations to begin, with the following agencies and persons presenting on CDBG Public Services proposals:

1. AACF, \$14,921 (Evelyn Mensah and Laura Constans)
2. Community Support Services, \$12,500 (Jennifer Shindl and Tom Galassini)
3. Hephzibah, \$30,000 (Amy O'Rourke)
4. Housing Forward, \$17,000, Emergency Shelter (Lynda Schueler & Romiesha Tucker)
5. Housing Forward, \$21,000, Employment Readiness (Lynda Schueler & Romiesha Tucker)

During their presentation, AACF distributed information to some members on their proposal, which requested to fund items not covered on the initial application. Member Catherine Bendowitz advised AACF that, with future presentations, the agency should review the initial application submitted and stay with these details.

Housing Forward distributed to members information on the agency and on both of their proposed projects.

Other Business: Chair Phyllis Russell said that she would invite a representative from the Village's Citizen Involvement Commission to visit a CDCAC meeting, possibly the Committee's decision making meeting on April 18, and spend a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting talking with the members about the Committee, their role and what type of interested Oak Parker would make a good CDCAC volunteer.

Member Phyllis Logan shared her experience of the PY 2018 applicant site visit tour that was held on March 27, 2018. Chair Phyllis Russell and Village staff also provided some details. All members look forward to the next planned site visit tour to increase engagement with applicants.

Mark Dwyer noted that the Oak Park-River Forest Food Pantry will be the first to present at the next presentation meeting, April 5, 2018, because they have a PowerPoint presentation.

ADJOURNMENT (voice vote): Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elia Gallegos