

Grants Committee Meeting

November 9, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman
June Chartrand
Oliver Hamilton, Sr.
Ken Sharky
John West

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Staff Present:

Terry W. Beach, Executive Director
Jennifer Little, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Kassly called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kassly asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Hamilton the minutes from the October 14, 2015 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamilton and a second by Mr. Sharkey the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of October, 2015 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartand and a second by Mr. West the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of October, 2015 were approved unanimously to be placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Services Group report being placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Community Development Group report being placed on file.

There were no questions concerning the Workforce Development Group report being placed on file.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Hamilton, the Community Services, Community Development and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously to be placed on file.

Resolutions

Old Business

New Business

- A. Chairman Kassly presented the 2016 Grants Committee Meeting Schedule. Mrs. Chartrand offered a motion to accept the 2016 Grants Committee Meeting Schedule and Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. Chairman Kassly called for a vote to approve; the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Director's Report

- Mr. Beach informed members he will be traveling to Chicago next Monday to attend a mandatory preconstruction conference with EDA, Economic Development Administration; the mandatory conference is required per the County receiving the \$3.5 million grant for projects in River Bridge District in East St. Louis. Projects encompass: paving Front Street in East St. Louis from the Casino Queen to the end north; Front Street from the Casino Queen south to Trendley; repaving Trendley from Front Street east to the tracks; repaving B Street and West Missouri down towards homeless encampment. The County will work through IGD's Housing Resource Center – Continuum of Care program to relocate homeless in the area when projects begin. Construction is expected to start, at the latest, next spring. Easements and issues with the railroads, utilities, and water company are being worked out.
- Mr. Beach informed members the Weatherization Program currently has a monitor here. Everything is going well so far. The annual monitoring report for the Weatherization grant has been good for the past several years. The Weatherization Program is ranked second in the State of Illinois; the program would be ranked first if not for taking on a few multi-family units in Marissa which resulted in delays. He added it is a program to be proud of.
- The LIHEAP program is off to a busy start. A few temporary staff have been hired. LIHEAP experienced a nineteen percent cut to the state program; there is less money this year and more need; intake will be done at this location rather than going into the field due to cuts. Mr. Beach explained the phones are flooded, especially on Mondays; staff is limited and is working hard to answer.
- The holiday food voucher program has started. Mr. Beach explained IGD requests approximately twice as many referrals as we can service as individuals may not show up for appointments and/or may not qualify.
- CDBG's Moderate Rehab Program took pre-application requests over the phone last week; it was advertised in the Belleville News Democrat, the East St. Louis Monitor, as well as social media via IGD's Facebook page and the County website. Pre-applications will be drawn at a future raffle drawing to select households to complete a full application.
- Mr. Beach reminded members Chairman Kern's "Gifts from the Heart" event is tomorrow night [Tuesday November 10th].
- Mr. Beach informed members IGD is looking to move LIHEAP and Housing Resource Center staff out of the 27 N. Illinois Street location to the 2nd Floor of 19 Public Square. There is plenty of room for program staff. IGD does not pay rent for 27 N. Illinois; whereas approximately \$14,000.00 per month is paid for the 2nd floor and partial 3rd floor space at 19 Public Square. The homeless program has approximately \$8,000.00 available for rent costs which has never been used; the move to 19 Public Square would allow those funds to become a part of the Cost Allocation Plan to offset funds paid by other programs for the space. Mr. Beach expressed it would create a more cohesive unit for staff.

Other Comments

Adjournment

Chairman Kassly entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Sharky, Chairman Kassly adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.