

Grants Committee Meeting

September 22, 2015

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman
June Chartrand
Oliver Hamilton, Sr.
Roy Mosley, Jr.
John West

Members Excused:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman
Ken Sharkey

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.

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 August 12, 2015 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamilton and a second by Mr. West the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of August, 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. Mosley, the Community Services, Community Development and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously to be placed on file.

Resolutions

Old Business

Mr. Mosley stated the last two streets for this year under the East St. Louis Community Development Block Grant are currently on-going; Summit Avenue between 9th through Post Place and 23rd Street/Martin Luther King to State Street. He added the long overdue road repairs are going well.

New Business

- A. Terry Beach presented the Community Service Block Grant 2016 Program Year Community Action Plan. Mr. Beach explained a new Community Action Plan for our anti-poverty programs must be submitted to the State each year. The Plan is updated annually to reflect new census data as well as the number of people we can serve based on the amount of funding we receive. In the past, the plan has been submitted without Committee approval; moving forward, it will come as a form of vote/resolution to the Grants Committee. Mr. Beach added a copy of the plan is now on the County website.

Mr. Mosley offered a motion to submit the 2016 Program Year Community Action Plan to the State of Illinois and Mr. West seconded the motion. Chairman Kassly called for a vote to approve; the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Director's Report

- Terry Beach explained when IGD submits the annual application for Community Development Block Grant funds for infrastructure, housing, demolition we hold a variety of public hearings throughout the County. This time of year IGD completes the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report, or CAPER, which is the annual report; the report details what has been completed with HUD funds the previous year. The first public hearing is September 23rd at 2:00pm in the IGD Admin Conference room; the second public hearing will be at the Mary Brown Center in East St. Louis beginning at 5:00pm. Mr. Beach invited members to attend either of the public hearings.

Mr. Mosley asked how cuts from the state have affected services. Mr. Beach stated the impact has been approximately 19% of IGD's \$19 million budget; the 19% being state funds; the remaining 81% being federal funds. He further explained half of the federal funds come directly to IGD such as HUD funds; the other half are federal funds for Community Services and WIA which are funneled through the state. Those funds were released after the bipartisan bill passed. Mr. Beach stated the loss of 19% of our budget being state dollars effects services in two ways: (1) the PIPP Program, a state add-on, has been cut; instead of serving approximately 8,000 homeowners with energy assistance, LIHEAP will serve around 6,000; (2) one of the Weatherization services which is also state funded has been cut. Mr. Mosley expressed these resources are depended upon by a large number of residents in his community; he wanted to clarify that it was out of the control of St. Clair County.

Mr. Beach stated he, along with staff, met with Mayor Jackson-Hicks shortly after she was sworn in and more recently with Mayor Parks in regards to updates for the TIF program. Mayor Parks reiterated Mr. Mosley will remain the point of contact for street projects.

Other Comments

Adjournment

Chairman Kassly entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. West and a second by Mr. Mosley, Chairman Kassly adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.