

Grants Committee Meeting

October 12, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present:

Rick Vernier, Vice Chairman
June Chartrand
Ken Sharkey
John West

Members Excused:

Joseph Kassly, Jr., Chairman
Oliver Hamilton, Sr.
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Staff Present:

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

In Chairman Kassly's absence, Vice Chairman Vernier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Vernier asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Upon a motion by Mr. West, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the minutes from the September 14, 2016 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand, 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 September, 2016 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. West, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of September, 2016 were approved unanimously and placed on file.

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

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

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

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Director's Report

- Terry Beach informed members they should have received a letter from Christina Anderson regarding the Community Development Block Grant Moderate Rehab Program. Interested homeowners can call to request a rehab application beginning Monday October 24th through Friday October 28th; a lottery drawing for completed pre-applications will be held shortly after.
- The regional job fair was the day after the last Grants Committee meeting. St. Clair County alternates each year with Madison County to host the job fair; this year our agency hosted the job fair. Mr. Beach stated this year's fair had close to 70 participating employers and nearly 1,000 job seekers were present. The job fair was a success with employers reporting approximately 500 job offers would be made.
- Mr. Beach stated all IGD programs and staff remain busy.
- Mr. West asked if the Belleville News Democrat reported the success of the job fair. Mr. Beach responded they had been notified. IGD hired Julie Hauser to promote the job fair and to speak to media. He does not believe the BND was there.
- Vice Chairman Vernier asked how 500 job offers this year compared to offers made last year. Mr. Beach responded he believed it was comparable.
- Mr. Sharkey stated he attended the job fair this year as well as the year prior and he felt there were more employers in attendance this year. Mr. Beach stated the printed program reflected approximately 60 employers however there were walk-in employers that were accommodated. He added there was a designated area where several laptops were available for employers and job seekers to utilize, as well as private space for interviews. Mr. Sharkey received feedback that those attending really appreciated the handouts this year as they provided a description of each employer attending and positions for which they were hiring. Mr. Beach agreed and added it helps job seekers to avoid waiting in lines to find what positions are available. Mr. Sharkey reflected it was well organized this year.

Upon a motion by Mr. West, and a second by Mr. Sharkey, the Director's report was approved unanimously and placed on file.

Other Comments

None

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Vernier entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Sharkey, and a second by Mrs. Chartrand, Vice Chairman Vernier adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.