

Grants Committee Meeting

**April 11, 2018**

**MINUTES**

Members Present:

June Chartrand  
Willie Dancy  
Susan Gruberman  
John West

Members Excused:

Stephen Reeb, Chairman  
Carol Clark, Vice Chairman  
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Executive Director  
Jennifer Little, Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Fred Boch, St. Clair County Board Member  
Donna Farrel

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June Chartrand called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Chartrand asked if there were comments from the public on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mrs. Gruberman, the minutes from the March 14, 2018 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. West, and a second by Mrs. Gruberman, the letter from the Grants Committee Chairman to the County Board Chairman transmitting the payroll and expense claims for the month of March, 2018 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gruberman, and a second by Mr. Dancy, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of March, 2018 were approved unanimously and placed on file. IGD financial statements were present for review.

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. Gruberman, and a second by Mr. West, the Community Services, Community Development, and Workforce Development Group reports were approved unanimously and placed on file.

## **Resolutions**

- A. June Chartrand introduced a Resolution authorizing the St. Clair County Board Chairman to prepare, submit, and execute an application (Annual Action Plan) to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Terry Beach explained the Resolution is for the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Resolution allows the Chairman to sign an application for more than \$3 million in funding; \$700,000 for the City of Belleville, \$1.5 million for St. Clair County, and \$1.5 million for the City of East St. Louis; funding can assist with street projects, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure, and public services. Mr. Beach stated staff are in the process of reviewing applications submitted by cities and townships for streets, infrastructure, and sewer/water lines. Applications are rated on poverty demographics, funding received in the past, and matched funds. Mayors and Township Supervisors will be notified later this year if approved by HUD. Mrs. Gruberman offered a motion to approve and Mr. Dancy seconded the motion.

Mrs. Chartrand called for a vote to approve; the motion was approved unanimously.

- B. June Chartrand introduced a Resolution to add territory to St. Clair County MidAmerica Enterprise Zone. Terry Beach explained IGD, in conjunction with Economic Development, manages two of the five Enterprise Zones in St. Clair County; Enterprise Zones are state not federal programs; zones are geographic areas where poverty-level statistics reflect additional economic incentives are needed. The two zones IGD oversees are the American Bottoms Enterprise Zone which includes portions of Sauget, Cahokia, and Duplo; as well as the MidAmerica Enterprise Zone which incorporates areas of Shiloh, Lebanon, O'Fallon, and Mascoutah. Mr. Beach added Belleville administers a zone; Fairview Heights recently had a zone approved; Brooklyn, Fairmont City, and Caseyville joined to have a zone approved; East St. Louis had an Enterprise Zone they let expire approximately two years ago. He explained a major incentive is no sales tax on building materials; a small fee is paid to St. Clair County Economic Development and in turn a certificate is issued which the building/property owner can provide a retailer. Lebanon is asking to expand the zone approximately one acre for a new grocery store project. To get the incentive, the acreage needs to be added to the existing zone. All participating municipalities approved the addition at a recent meeting with Mr. Beach. Mr. Dancy asked about the East St. Louis Zone. Mr. Beach responded they had their own which expired. He added there is a Rivers Edge Zone which is along the riverfront towards City Hall. The East St. Louis Zone included Washington Park and most of East St. Louis. In 2005, it was extended into Alorton and Centreville. When East St. Louis let the zone expire, it ended for all participating municipalities. Mr. Dancy asked if it can be brought back. Mr. Beach responded the City would have to reapply; however, there are no zones left as the state only allows so many. They cannot apply unless legislation is passed in Springfield which allows more zones to be created. Mr. West offered a motion to approve and Mrs. Gruberman seconded the motion.

Mrs. Chartrand called for a vote to approve; the motion was approved unanimously.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- A. Sue Gruberman asked about requirements for IGD's housing assistance programs. Mr. Beach responded proof of income is required to verify low-income status. He added IGD assisted nearly 1500 homeless clients in the last year and moved 150 clients into transitional housing. Ms. Gruberman asked if shelter and hotel assistance was available. Mr. Beach responded yes. He referred her to contact Ken Kimball, CSBG Coordinator who oversees all

community service programs, at 825-3257 and Latosha Johnson, Housing Resource Center Coordinator who oversees homeless programs and emergency housing, at 825-3334. Mr. Beach also noted the County website details all IGD programs and lists contact information.

- B. Willie Dancy asked if he could provide Terry with railroad locations discussed in the previous meeting. Mr. Beach responded yes; he will also provide Mr. Dancy with the contact information to file a complaint. June Chartrand asked which railroads he was referring to. Mr. Dancy responded he was unsure of the railroad. Mr. Beach stated he knew the railroads; however, he just needed locations and street crossings. Mr. Dancy responded he would call Mr. Beach with the problem locations.

- C. Director's Report

Terry Beach referenced his March report regarding proposed elimination of all IGD programs. The omnibus bill was recently passed which added funding to IGD programs. The passing of the bill will keep IGD programs safe until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The fiscal year budget will be debated this summer in Washington; concerns remain IGD programs may still face cuts.

LIHEAP remains busy and is continuing to serve clients and expend funds.

Terry Beach and Chris Anderson met with Dennis Jackson of Mt. Sinai regarding Phase II and Phase III plans for additional housing in the Winstanley neighborhood in East St. Louis. Phase I included St. Louis Avenue from 10<sup>th</sup> to eventually 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The City wanted it to extend to downtown; however, HUD would not approve as the area is not considered residential. Mr. Beach explained projects are in neighborhoods designated by HUD in Chicago; IGD manages the funding, engineering, and bidding.

### **Other Comments**

### **Adjournment**

June Chartrand entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Dancy, and a second by Mrs. Gruberman, June Chartrand adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.