

Grants Committee Meeting

June 13, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stephen Reeb, Chairman
June Chartrand
Willie Dancy
Susan Gruberman
John West

Members Excused:

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

Chairman Reeb called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the IGD Administrative Conference Room.

Attendees rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reeb 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. Dancy, the minutes from the May 9, 2018 Grants Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Chartrand, 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 May, 2018 was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gruberman, and a second by Mr. West, the Check Register Summaries for the pay periods in the month of May, 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 Mr. West, and a second by Mr. Dancy, 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 announced the LIHEAP program closed the end of May; the program served more than 8,000 households. PIPP, Percentage of Income Payment Plan, recertifications have begun. He explained PIPP is state funding rather than federal funding. Two of five temporary LIHEAP staff have been laid off; the two remaining will assist with PIPP recertifications.

IGD, as well as St. Clair County Economic Development, continue to post on their respective Facebook pages. Mr. Beach stated IGD posts are related to staff training, when staff is in the field, and information regarding programs and available services for citizens and communities.

Mr. Beach informed members he and Chairman Kern, along with Rick Stubblefield, General John Hughes, and Tim Cantwell, will leave Sunday for Washington D.C. for the Association of Defense Communities National Summit. The Association is comprised of cities, counties, and state governments across the United States; he added Illinois is not a member. Chairman Reeb asked why Illinois is not a member; Mr. Beach responded due to cost which is \$300. He explained the association is comprised of those who have a military base in their state, county, or city and focuses on how to work with and grow military installations. Mr. Beach nominated Chairman Kern for the "Community Leadership Award" and he was selected to receive the award. The award will be presented Tuesday afternoon; Mr. Beach will speak and present the Chairman; the Chairman of ADC will then present Chairman Kern his award.

Mr. Beach stated another round of Community Development public hearings are coming up. Announcements have been published in both the Belleville News Democrat and East St. Louis Monitor as well as posted on social media. The hearings focus on citizen ideas regarding what cities should do with their CDBG funding.

An advertisement will be placed in the next edition of the East St. Louis Monitor announcing Chairman Kern and County Board members urge those in need of dental work, housing payment assistance, emergency car repair, and a variety of emergency assistance to contact IGD Community Services. Mr. Beach added the program has scholarships, school uniform assistance, and assistance with lice kits available as well. He explained this assistance is a small portion of CSBG funding, however, goes to those most in need. Chairman Reeb asked where the funding comes from. Mr. Beach responded it is federal funding through the Community Services Block Grant. Mr. Dancy asked if the board would be informed. Mr. Beach responded all county board members will receive the same notice via mail. The ad will also be posted on social media.

Mr. Beach reminded members IGD has six offices in five counties working on job training: Waterloo, Chester, Nashville, Carlyle, and Belleville. Mrs. Chartrand asked if he visits the outer-county locations. Mr. Beach responded he has and added Rick Stubblefield oversees the program and visits locations often. IGD has three Workforce Development employees at

4600 West Main in Belleville co-located with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Mr. Beach stated IGD has 37 employees as well as a few part-time staff. Last year, staff served 28,000 individuals with job-training services; staff provides assistance to job seekers, resume assistance, workers in need of retraining, and works with businesses. He added there is a resource room at the 4600 West Main location where job seekers can access the Illinois workNet system to match their skills with available jobs.

Mr. Beach encouraged members to follow IGD on social media as posts are made daily regarding programs. Mr. Boch asked if low-income individuals read the paper or have access to social media. Mr. Beach responded few people purchase the newspaper; however it has become an internet era in which people read the news online. Federal regulations require IGD to continue to publish in the newspaper.

Chairman Reeb asked if IGD was involved with Granite City Steel. Mr. Beach responded their workforce board covers Madison and Bond Counties; our board covers St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Randolph, and Monroe. Mr. Beach stated a good portion of their employees live in St. Clair County; however, Madison/Bond takes the lead. He added we assist when workers are laid off; we have nothing to do with them getting called back. Mr. Beach explained Madison County separates Community Development from Employment and Training with two separate directors; those programs are combined in St. Clair County as part of IGD under one executive director.

Mr. Boch asked if IGD has anything to do with the Metro East Sanitary District. Mr. Beach responded no.

Other Comments

Adjournment

Chairman Reeb entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mrs. Chartrand, and a second by Mr. West, Chairman Reeb adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.