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Community Development Advisory Committee
City Hall, Room 401
455 Main Street
Worcester, MA
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CDAC present: Edward Moynihan (Chair), Mark Borenstein (Vice Chair), Martha Assefa, Etel Capacchione, Dana Strong, Paula Stuart, Matthew Yalouris

CDAC absent: Michael Larkin, Tracey Pakstis-Claiborne, Daniel J. Whalen

City Staff: Greg Baker, Steve Hill, Tony Miloski, Jeanette Roach

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Moynihan at 6:33 P.M.

2) Review and Approval of 02/03/15 Minutes

There were no changes suggested to the 02/03/15 CDAC meeting minutes, and a motion was seconded and passed to vote for their approval.

3) Discussion and Evaluation of Public Service, Public Facility, and Interdepartmental Applications

CDAC members were reminded to submit their CDBG RFP score sheets to Paula Stuart by 2/18/15. Ms. Stuart will submit the cumulative, tabulated RFP scores to Neighborhood Development Division staff by 2/23/15. CDAC members will review the tabulated RFP scores during the 02/24/2015 scheduled CDAC meeting and take a formal vote.

CDAC reviewed the following ten CDBG Year 41 applications:

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Worcester Roots – Nuestro Huerto Community Garden
- YOU, Inc. – YouthConnect Summer Youth Program

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- The Community Builders – Renovation of Community Life Job Center
 - CDAC Chair Ed Moynihan recused himself from the discussion of this proposal.
- Dismas House – Facility Improvement
- Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center – Facility Improvement

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

- Business Assistance Division – Microloan; Facade & Awning Incentive Grant
- Neighborhood Development Division – Neighborhood Development Fund
- Housing Development Division – Affordable Housing Programs (Owner-Occupied Rehab, Rental Rehab, Lead Abatement, Healthy Homes, and Down Payment Assistance)
- Inspectional Services – Systematic Housing Inspection
- Inspectional Services – Demolition of Spot Slum and Blight

There was discussion among CDAC members regarding the challenges of evaluating Public Facility Renovation applications using the FY2016 CDAC CDBG scoring / ranking system. It was noted in response that the RFP scores will be ranked and presented within their respective categories (Public Services, Public Facilities, or Interdepartmental), thus accounting for the differences between types of applications.

4) Adjournment

As there were no more items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.