

**MINUTES
CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011
6:30 PM - CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Community Grants Advisory Commission (CGAC) of the City of McKinney, Texas, held a Public Hearing at the City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 222 North Tennessee Street, on May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Commission members present were Brenda Carter, Celso Martinez, William Wehunt, Kim Hubbard-Hall, Ada Simmons and Rachelle Campbell. Aaron McMahon was unable to attend as scheduled. Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator and Christine Lawton, CDBG Coordinator represented City staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Campbell in which she officially opened the Public Hearing to consider the CDBG funding requests for the 2011-2012 grant year, and explained the order of the agency presentations. Each agency would receive up to ten minutes for their presentation, including questions to follow from Commission members.

The first presenter of the evening was Sandra Dickey, Executive Director of Children and Community Health Center. Ms. Dickey gave a brief overview of the agency and stated the \$9,000 request would support a portion of the salary of a medical provider for the day clinic. Ms. Dickey further stated these funds would benefit approximately four-hundred and fifty (450) McKinney uninsured or underinsured households. When asked by Ms. Campbell if the agency assisted clients in obtaining government resources, Ms. Dickey stated that upon income verification if the caseworker determines a client may qualify for CHIPS, Medicaid or Social Security, the caseworker will encourage and assist the client(s) in obtaining those services.

The second presenter was Susan Williams, Executive Director of Journey of Hope Grief Support Center. Ms. Williams stated the agency requested \$5,000 would provide approximately fifty (50) McKinney families and children with grief support counseling when dealing with the death of a loved one. Ms. Williams further stated the funds would be used to pay for a segment of staff counseling and administrative support, operational and occupancy assistance. When asked by Mr. Wehunt if the agency charges clients for services that are above the median income limits, Ms. Williams stated the agency does not.

The next presenter was Teresa Keenan, Executive Director of City House, Inc. She shared the agency's service scope which includes emergency shelter and transitional living for children and young adults who are in need due to abuse, neglect and homelessness. The \$10,000 request would provide twenty (20) McKinney youth with safe shelter for sixty-seven (67) days and nights. When Ms. Hubbard-Hall asked for clarification regarding the number of 8 children served in application's "year to date" category, Ms. Keenan stated only 8 children have been served from McKinney since the current fiscal year started in October, 2010.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Co-Chair Campbell called for a ten minute break in the Public Hearing meeting at 7:15 p.m. Chairperson Campbell resumed the public hearing back to order at 7:25 p.m.

Next was Kathy Blank with CASA of Collin County. Ms. Blank gave a brief overview of the agency and stated the \$13,000 funding request would train volunteers to become advocates for victims of child abuse and neglect. Ms. Blank further stated that McKinney children represent 28% of the agency's caseload and the funding request would serve one-hundred and twenty (120) persons or households. When asked by Ms. Campbell about the average length of time is for a CASA volunteer to stay with an abused or neglected child, Ms. Blank replied it is contingent on the severity of the case; while there are cases resolved rather quickly, others may last for years.

The next presenter was Paul R. Hoffmann, Executive Director of Community Dental Care. Mr. Hoffman gave a brief overview of the agency and stated the \$20,000 fund request would provide dental care for McKinney youth and seniors, who have no dental insurance, giving them access to better oral hygiene, routine dental health education, treatment, prevention, cleanings, fillings and extractions. When asked by Mr. Wehunt if the agency accepts Medicaid, Mr. Hoffmann answered, "yes" and further stated the agency is now accepting Delta Dental Insurance.

Next presenter was Kristen Hendrix, Executive Director of Holy Family School. Ms. Hendrix stated the agency will celebrate 60th years of service this fall. Ms. Hendrix further stated their \$8,250 funding request will assist 10 McKinney Low to Moderate Income students attend the summer school program. Ms. Hendrix spoke of the school's curriculum and emphasized that the School focuses continues on reading and math skills under summer program.

Next was, Tanya Greene, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County. Ms. Greene gave a brief overview of the agency and stated the \$20,000 fund request would support the agency's SMART Moves After School Program for at-risk youth. The program teaches young people to recognize and resist media influence and peer pressures to engage in alcohol, tobacco and other at-risk behaviors. Ms. Greene indicated the request would serve four-hundred and fifty (450) McKinney households.

At the conclusion of all presentations, Co-Chair Campbell asked if there were any further comments from the public. Ms. Best stated for the record Habitat for Humanity was unable to attend at the scheduled time. Ms. Best further stated that the commission will deliberate on the funding requests at the CGAC meeting scheduled Thursday, May 26, 2011. Co-Chair Campbell closed the Public Hearing at 8:28 p.m. and thanked all the nonprofit agencies for their presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Rachelle Campbell, Co-Chair