

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

APRIL 16, 2014

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Community Services Conference Room, 314 South Chestnut, Suite 101, McKinney, Texas on April 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Myra Cisneros Taylor, Debra Carr, Tiffany Russell-Costa, Carla Bolds (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), and Amy Evans.

Absent: Trae Gardner, and Mark Phillips.

Staff Present: Tara Olden, Community Services Coordinator; and Deb Hass Housing and Community Development Administrative Assistant.

Guests Present: Stephanie Tyson, Melissa Willmarth, Beth Bentley, and Larry Robinson.

CONSENT ITEMS

- 14-386** Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Committee Meeting of February 20, 2014.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Russell-Costa, seconded by Commissioner Carr, to approve the Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Committee Meeting of February 20, 2014.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 14-387** Program Updates and Announcements, Housing and Community Development.

Ms. Olden began by reminding the Commission about upcoming CDBG week to be held April 21, 2014-April 26 2014. The Proclamation and Dedication Ceremony will be held April 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. A Fair Housing Workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. Ms. Olden also asked the Commission to consider attending the Tour of Funded Agencies that will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24,

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2014 there will be a Tour of Homes whom has accessed the Department's Housing Rehabilitation Program. Ms. Olden informed the Commission about additional meeting dates that have been added to the calendar.

- July 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (City Council Chamber): Community Forum for CDBG Consolidated Plan, and Fair Housing Plan.
- July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. (Housing & Community Development Conference Room): Review CDBG Consolidated Plan, and Fair Housing Plan to be recommended to Council.

Ms. Olden reminded the Commission of the CDBG Public Hearings scheduled May 7, 2014 and May 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Due to the number of grant applicants, Ms. Olden asked the Commissioners if they preferred to limit the Public Hearings to one day. The Commissioners present discussed the matter and agreed that holding the Public Hearings only on May 7, 2014 was acceptable. Ms. Olden advised that she will update Commissioner Gardner and Commissioner Phillips. Ms. Olden provided the Commission with flash drives containing the FY 2014-15 CDBG grant applications, and the comparison worksheets.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 14-388** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Public Hearing to Consider City-Supported Activity under the FY 2013-2014 Community Support Grant.

Ms. Olden began the discussion by advising the Commissioners that FY 2013-14 CSG funds awarded to the McKinney Fire Department were not utilized because the equipment they planned to purchase was donated. Mr. Larry Robinson and Ms. Beth Bentley spoke on behalf of the McKinney Advocacy Initiative/3e McKinney. The group was formed to address people living in poverty in the City of McKinney, and to consolidate services aimed at alleviating poverty in order to provide

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comprehensive assistance and support. Bridges Out of Poverty provides training and education classes for citizens in poverty and community groups on strategies to help people transition out of poverty. The group is requesting \$4800 to be used for a training they are holding on June 3, 2014. The funds will be used to secure a speaker, printed materials and sponsorships for the event's attendees. Bridges Out of Poverty estimates 200 people will attend. After discussion Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Carr, to approve the Public Hearing to Consider City-Supported Activity under the FY 2013-2014 Community Support Grant. The Commission will grant funds to the group with the addendum that only 50% of the funding awarded will be applied towards the speaker's costs, and the remaining 50% on conference materials, and sponsorships. A detailed budget of their event will be required with their final report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Chair Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to adjourn. Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

MYRA CISNEROS TAYLOR
Chairperson