

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 20, 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 February 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Myra Cisneros Taylor, Tiffany Russell-Costa, Trae Gardner, Carla Bolds, and Amy Evans.

Absent: Debra Carr, and Mark Phillips.

Staff Present: Shirletta Best, Community Services Administrator; Tara Olden, Community Services Coordinator; and Deb Hass, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. after determining a quorum.

CONSENT ITEMS

14-182 Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of October 17, 2013. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Bolds, to approve the October 17, 2013 meeting minutes.

14-183 Minutes of the Community Grants Advisory Commission Meeting of November 21, 2013. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Russell, to approve the November 21, 2013 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14-184 Discuss FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application Process. Ms. Olden started the discussion by explaining the FY 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant application process. The application will be available on the City of McKinney website. There are no major changes to the application. A pre-application meeting will be held on March 19, 2014 at City Hall for agencies wishing to apply for the grant. The proposed timeline for the grant is as follows:

April 7, 2014: Application Deadline

May 7, 2014 and May 8, 2014: Public Hearings

May 21, 2014: Commission Deliberations

14-185 Discuss Community Activities and Program Updates. Ms. Best began the discussion by explaining the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for FY 2015-2020. The plan is designed to help local communities assess affordable housing and community development needs, and market conditions in order to identify priorities. Ms. Best discussed upcoming community activities. The month of April is National Fair Housing month. Ms. Best also noted that the Community Development Block Grant is celebrating forty years of existence. The City will be celebrating Community Development Block Grant Week on April 21-26. Many activities, as well as a proclamation will be held during the week bringing awareness to the Community Development Block Grant, and the benefits the grant gives to the City of McKinney to leverage quality of life needs.

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Taylor welcomed Commissioner Evans to the Commission. Ms. Best introduced Ms. Hass as the new Community Grants Advisory Commission secretary.

ADJOURN

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Russell-Costa, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to adjourn. Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

MYRA CISNEROS TAYLOR
Chairperson