

COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

JULY 25, 2017

The Community Grants Advisory Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the North Gym, Old Settler's Recreation Center, 1201 E. Louisiana Street, McKinney, Texas on July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Robert Christian, Adriana Pedraza, Todd Burton, Randy Hubbard

Absent: Kelly Maier, Kelly Buettner, Kelvin Thomas

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

17-762 Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Input Under Participation in the North Texas Housing Assessment for Fair Housing. The City is participating in the assessment with other local cities and counties where UT Arlington is assisting in data collection, research, and citizen input. Professor Flora Brewer from U.T. Arlington reviewed U.S. Census data that will be used as a part of the assessment process. Information from surveys distributed at this meeting will also be used in the process. Tonight's focus will be on access to housing opportunities and determination of how the neighborhoods in McKinney contribute to these opportunities. Plans developed through this study will be used for planning. The Assessment of Fair Housing is intended to inform and guide local communities in a multi-disciplinary planning exercise to evaluate housing needs, transportation, livable communities, and access to opportunities among others. Data will be added as it is received throughout the remainder of the year. Once the plan is compiled, citizens will have additional opportunities for input before the final draft is complete. Participants were able to review mapping data and provide discussion to voice their concern or insight on fair housing needs prior to the Public Hearing.

Chairman Christian opened the Public Hearing. The following topics

were addressed by the audience: the need for public transportation, more jobs with good pay, better schools and neighborhoods, better affordable housing options, more variety of stores and restaurants, tax breaks for low-income housing landlords, full access to quality living options for disabled citizens, safe neighborhoods, clean neighborhoods, sidewalks, grocery stores and fast food establishments within walking distance of the 75069 area. Chairman Christian closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Christian adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN
Chairman