

**MINUTES
CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010
6:30 PM-CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Community Grants Advisory Commission (CGAC) of the City of McKinney, Texas, held a Public Hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers, 222 N. Tennessee, May 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Commission members present were Rachelle Campbell, Brenda Carter, Jeff Dargatz, Raymond Hardesty, Kim Hubbard-Hall, Ada Simmons and Aaron McMahon. Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator represented City staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson McMahon.

Chairperson McMahon asked if the commission members had changes or additions to the minutes from the March 18, 2010, Regular Meeting. Chairperson McMahon motioned for approval of the minutes and Ms. Carter seconded. The vote passed unanimously 7-0.

Next, Chairperson McMahon officially opened the Public Hearing to consider the CDBG funding requests for the 2010-2011 grant year, and explained the oprocess of the agency presentations. Each agency would receive up to 10 minutes for their presentation, including questions to follow from the Commission.

The first presenter of the evening was Daneshe Bethane, Representative for the Salvation Army. Ms. Bethane stated the agency requested \$10,000 for homeless prevention and will assist McKinney families or individuals with rent/mortgage assistance and utility assistance. Ms. Bethane further stated assistance is granted to households that qualify only once per twelve month period. When Mr. McMahon asked the amount of funds the Red Kettle Campaign brings in for the agency, Ms. Bethane responded the campaign brought in approximately two million dollars last season, however after expenses the agency only netted approximately one million.

The second presenter was Susan Williams, Executive Director of Journey of Hope Grief Support Center. Ms. Williams stated the agency requested \$5,000 in funds to provide approximately fifty McKinney families and children with grief support counseling when dealing with the death of a loved one. Ms. Williams further stated the funds requested are for a portion of staff counseling support, administrative support, operational and occupancy assistance. When asked by Ms. Simmons how many McKinney families the agency served last year, Ms. Williams responded the agency served forty-six.

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 is to 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, filings and extractions. When asked by Mr. McMahon how the agency learns of the youth that are in need of dental care, Mr. Hoffmann responded that the agency has a very good relationship with Colin County Health Department and the McKinney Independent School District nurses.

The next presenter was Christine Hockin-Boyd, Executive Director of Community Lifeline Center. Ms. Hockin-Boyd stated the agency requested \$8,800 in funds to provide emergency housing assistance to qualified McKinney residents. Ms. Hockin-Boyd further stated funds will assist twenty-six households with rental and utility assistance. The agency has two case managers to assess client needs and they also offer day and evening classes to assist with financial planning or job skills training. When asked by Ms. Best where the classes take place, Ms. Hockin-Boyd stated they are held at the Community Lifeline Center.

Next was Juli Smith, Director of Senior Services of Collin County Committee on Aging. Ms. Smith stated the agency is the only home food delivery program for seniors in Collin County. The request of \$19,500 would provide 175 McKinney seniors with a noon meal. Ms. Smith further stated that the impact goes well beyond the meal, giving interaction and front line support to a population that tends to become invisible. Mr. Hardesty asked for clarification regarding the \$19,500 fund request being only 8.5% of the total project cost. Ms. Smith stated that the 8.5% McKinney percentage is based off of project costs for all of Collin County.

The next presenter was Patrice Tosi, Chief Executive Officer of Hope's Door. Mr. Tosi stated the agency requested \$25,000 to provide comprehensive support services, including emergency shelter, crisis counseling, case management, essential basic services and referral/support services for 120 McKinney family violence victims, battered women and children. Ms. Simmons asked what is the length of time the agency will allow violence victims to stay at the shelter; Ms. Tosi responded the average length of stay is approximately thirty days before the victims are transitioned out of the emergency shelter to other services provided by staff.

The Next presenter was Jim Malatich, Director of Operations for The Samaritan Inn. Mr. Malatich stated the agency requests \$10,000 for support services to benefit homeless shelter residents. Services include case management, individual and group counseling, employment services. Support also includes food, utility and shelter costs to take care of resident operations. Mr. Malatich further stated the Inn is at full capacity (120 beds) and the agency turns away approximately thirty families and about fifteen individuals per month.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairperson McMahon called for a ten minute break in the Public Hearing meeting at 7:50 p.m. Chairperson McMahon resumed the public hearing back to order at 8:00 p.m.

The next presenter was Melanie Perkins, Executive Director of McKinney Education Foundation. Ms. Perkins gave a brief overview of the agency and stated the \$5,000 fund request will cover a portion of salary for advisors to assist low to moderate income McKinney students under the Advancement Via individual Determination (AVID) college preparatory program for scholarships and admissions. Ms. Simmons asked what is percentage of the children are first time college students within their families and Ms. Perkins stated approximately forty percent.

The next presenter was Jesse McBroom, Agency Representative of Health Services of North Texas, Inc. Mr. McBroom stated the \$6,500 fund request will pay a portion of salary for the Mental Health Counselor to provide counseling to McKinney clients living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. McBroom elaborated that people living with HIV/AIDS need help dealing with depression, life skill challenges and grief coping skills.

. Chairperson McMahon closed the Public Hearing at 9:05 p.m. and thanked all the nonprofit agencies for their presentation. He then asked for a motion to adjourn and Ms. Campbell seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Aaron McMahon, Chairperson