

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS  
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010  
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 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Commission members present were Rachelle Campbell, Jeff Dargatz, Kim Hubbard-Hall, Ada Simmons and Aaron McMahon. Member Brenda Carter was unable to attend as scheduled. Member Raymond Hardesty resigned his position today, due to a family move outside of the city limits. Shirletta Best, CDBG Administrator represented City staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairperson McMahon in which he officially opened the Public Hearing to consider the CDBG funding requests for the 2010-2011 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 Mary Fredericks, Chief Executive Officer of Lifepath Systems. Ms. Fredericks gave a brief overview of the agency and stated that the \$18,000 fund request is to pay for substance abuse and mental health services for approximately fifteen McKinney low income clients that are unable to pay for services due to lack of insurance or being underinsured. When asked by Ms. Best how many counseling sessions will be provided for each client, Ms. Fredericks stated approximately twenty group counseling sessions and four individual sessions.

The second presenter was Susan Etheridge, Executive Director of CASA of Collin County. Ms. Etheridge stated the \$4,000 fund request is for office handicap accessibility and safety fencing. The agency assists victims of child abuse and neglect. Ms. Etheridge further stated that the current configuration of the agency's parking lot and ramp is not conducive for those with disabilities and needs to be altered to ensure safety. Also, the fence for the victim children's play area in the rear of the building needs to be better secured.

The next presenter was Sandra Dickey, Executive Director of Children and Community Health Center. Ms. Dickey gave a brief overview of the agency and stated that the \$10,000 requested is to support a portion of the salary of a medical provider for the day clinic. Ms. Dickey further stated these funds would benefit approximately 1000 McKinney undeserved or underinsured clients. When asked by Ms. Best how residents hear of the agency's services, Ms. Dickey stated they are listed at all the Social Services Agencies, doctor's offices, hospitals and people also hear by word of mouth.

The next presenter was Dan Powers, Senior Vice President of Clinical Studies for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. Mr. Powers briefly discussed the services of the agency and stated the \$15,000 fund request is to support the Clinical Therapy Services program. Mr. Powers further stated the request includes clinical staff salaries, support personnel, and office related

expenses for the program that provides counseling services to McKinney children who are victims of abuse or neglect and their non-offending family members.

Next was Ray Tsai, Medical Director for Physicians for Children. Mr. Tsai stated that the \$10,200 fund request is to support five extended hours of the McKinney clinic per month for after-hour primary and preventative care services will assist 360 low to moderate income children. When asked by Mr. McMahon if the physicians in the McKinney clinic were full time staff or volunteers, Mr. Tsai stated both physicians are full time staff, just like in a private practice.

The next presenter was Karen Cristo, Program Director of the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas - Collin County Adventure Camp. Ms. Cristo stated that the agency requested \$10,000 to provide staffing and program support for summer day camp services for twenty McKinney Housing Authority youth, ages six to twelve, to attend the Camp. When asked by Ms. Hubbard-Hall where the kids will be picked up to be taken to the camp, Ms. Cristo stated the children would be picked up from the McKinney Housing Authority locations.

Next was Celeste Faro, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Faro stated that the \$40,000 requested is for land acquisition of eight residential lots. Ms. Faro further stated that the purchase of the lots would allow the agency to build affordable single family homes benefiting approximately forty low to moderate income McKinney residents. When asked by Mr. McMahon how many sweat-equity hours each family has to put into their homes, Ms. Faro stated for a single applicant it is 300 hours, double applicant is 500 hours and if they have a child residing with them that is over the age of eighteen, the family would be required to put in an additional 150 hours of sweat-equity.

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 \$10,000 fund request will pay for fuel costs to service the McKinney Branch transportation program for low to moderate at-risk youth. Ms. Greene further stated that membership at the club has increased from a daily average of 130 children per day to 201 children as of last week.

At the conclusion of all presentations, Chairperson McMahon asked if there were any further comments from the public. Ms. Best stated for the record that Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Holy Family School and Communities in Schools were unable attend at their scheduled times. Ms. Best further stated that the commission will deliberate on the funding requests at the CGAC meeting scheduled Thursday, June 3, 2010. Chairperson McMahon closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 p.m. and thanked all the nonprofit agencies for their presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Aaron McMahon, Chairperson