



MINUTES

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019
4:00 P.M. – COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CONFERENCE ROOM**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 4:14 pm by Chair, Whitney Rawls.

This meeting was duly advertised as a public hearing.

B. ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent
Whitney Rawls – At Large	X	
Dr. Jerold Mills – Dist 5		X
Sharon Stone Walker – Dist 2	X	
Robin McCombs – Dist 3	X	
Molly Moor – Dist 1	X	
Veronica Thomas – Dist 4		X
Staff Members Present		
Miriam Carrillo, Director	X	
Vince Wooten, Compliance Mgr	X	
JoAnn Onesky, Secretary	X	
Muhammad Hashmi, Accountant		

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December, 2018 and February, 2019 minutes not approved due to there not being a quorum and will be held over for next meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

None

E. NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG RFP – APPLICANT Presentations – Oral Presentations only – May 9, 2019 meeting for recommendations.

- Learning for Success** – Presented by John Casbarro; afterschool program (KAPOW – Kids and the Power of Work). Kids learn about careers from volunteer mentors. Committee members inquired about number of Pompano Schools in program.

2. **Second Chance Society** – Presented by Mark Ford; Second Chance provides a “hand up” to homeless and other persons transitioning back into work force by providing work clothing, bus passes, license fees, etc.
3. **Russell Skills Learning Program** – Presented by Cathy McCarthy and Pauline D’Oyley. Program was founded by Twan Russell to encourage and foster reading and family strengthening skills. Participants referred by school personnel, including teachers. Also partnered with City Parks and Rec Program.
4. **Women in Distress** – Providing support to domestic violence victims. 768 COPB residents were serviced this year which equaled 3,199 shelter nights. COPB has a very high rate of DV in Broward County. Women in Distress is the only shelter in Broward County.
5. **City of Pompano Beach – Senior Program** – Presented by Greg Jones, Program Coordinator. Senior program operates at Larkins Center; CDBG funds provide assistance in paying for Meals on Wheels delivery. Seniors are also provided with meals on weekends. Weekday meals are presented in the social setting of the Larkins Center.
6. **City of Pompano Beach – Youth Program** – Presented by Kaitlynn Kerr, Program Coordinator. CDBG funds provide summer camp scholarships for low income COPB residents, giving the children an opportunity to have outdoor activities.
7. **Firewall Centers** – Presented by Andy Fernandez. Afterschool program providing academic assistance and tutoring opportunities for at risk students. Tutoring is provided by AmeriCorps volunteers to students who are referred by school teachers and administration.
8. **Crockett Foundation** – Presented by Henri Crockett. An afterschool and summer enrichment program which focuses on academic and enrichment opportunities. Students are required to do homework first and then provided with a choice of other activities including sports and music. Children are provided with school supplies and shoes when they meet attendance guidelines.
9. **Light of the World (Luz Del Mundo) Medical Clinic** – Presented by Sandy Lozano Barry. Luz Del Mundo provides medical services to uninsured COPB residents. Applicants go through an intake procedure to make sure that they are low income. Services are provided on a sliding scale for payment but once an applicant is approved, a total health checkup is provided. Approximately 250 COPB residents seen with average fee of \$59 provided through grant funds. Luz Del Mundo relies highly on thousands of volunteer hours from medical professionals.
10. **Seek Foundation** – Presented by Anike Sakariya; provides computer training and promotes STEM education and robotics to assist in job training skills.
11. **Covenant House** – Presented by Tim Dwyer; Covenant House provides shelter for runaway youth up to age 21 who would otherwise be living on the street in a homeless situation.

- 12. CHOICES (3 Programs)** – Presented by Dr. Angela Deal; Rev. Wiley Howard, Administrator. Dr. Deal has made application for multiple community service projects to service elderly and youth participants to learn life skills of sewing skills and arts and crafts in the Collier City area. Two elderly programs offering sewing and arts and crafts; one youth program offering sewing skills. Word of mouth and neighborhood recruitment. Capacity 50. Asked Larkins for overflow participants. Offering program at St. James Missionary Baptist Church. Due to conflict potential, applicant will move the program from the church to CHOICES Center Board room. Dr. Deal will provide a copy of a letter saying that the church will donate the space.

The Committee members had a question as to how they would be able to identify which program was which for applicants who submitted multiple applications. Staff advised that for the next meeting where applicant ranking is discussed, each application would be broken out separately.

- 13. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – OUTREACH SERVICES** – Marcia Barry Smith presented. Habitat is working in partnership with Cresthaven Civic Association to improve neighborhoods with exterior improvements and to an existing park to reduce slum and blight through revitalization projects. The program is called “Rock the Block” and will include 15 to 20 homes. Completion date is estimated to run from January, 2020 through August, 2020. There will be multiple in kind donations to assist with overhead and costs. Habitat is already doing a similar project in Collier City. Liberty Park is an upcoming project, as well. Participating residents must attend a mandatory workshop on home ownership and neighborhood upkeep and maintenance.

Mr. Rawls asked why this project is not being associated with the new home Rick Case home project. Staff explained that the Cresthaven Civic Association approached our office and Habitat to expedite the rehab process in their neighborhood.

Mr. Rawls also asked about the line item for Housing Rehab of approximately \$300,000 and why we are not using housing rehab funds for this project. Ms. Carrillo did explain that this amount did come out of the overall award.

- 14. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING** – Presented by Corey Hinds, CEO and Brian Johnson. Ramp to Independence Program and Housing Assistance program. Providing services since 1991 to over 100,000 persons in Broward County. Ramps, accessible showers, lift bars and training to get around your own home. Supplemental training provided in financial literacy and other life skills in their computer lab.
- 15. OASIS OF HOPE** – Presented by David Zimmer; Project “Carly’s Village” aged out youth foster care. Referrals from local churches and community agencies. Residents must either be in school, working or both. Life skills training including financial literacy and budgeting. Funds needed for on site case manager. 1305 NW 2 Avenue property address. Committee members had questions about amount of rent paid and length of stay. 12 residents at present time who all pay same flat rate of rent.

Staff indicated that program could potentially be non-compliant based on scope of work for services not matching reimbursement requests.

Committee asked about a possible tour of the property to ascertain that the property is being used for the intended transitional housing use. Committee also asked for clarification regarding where residents are housed, their names and graduation outcomes.

- 16. OASIS OF HOPE** – CHDO/HOME funds application; also presented by David Zimmer. Construction of 3 new homes on land donated by CRA on NW 3 Street (2650, 2520 and 2670. Valley Bank primary funding; three prequalified buyers.

Staff advised that Oasis could qualify for funding since they site control. There is approximately \$88,000 available for grant award; request for funding in the amount of \$150,000. Suggestion made that one home could be built and those proceeds used to move to construction on 2nd home.

Mr. Rawls indicated that his understanding from CRA land donation is that developer was ready to move forward and had funding in place, not that additional funding is needed from OHUI. Question about where developer found qualified buyers and if they are pre-qualified.

Oral presentations concluded.

Spreadsheet reviewed on funding amounts to other programs and administration – discussion of total funds available.

Discussion on time of meeting schedule; Consensus by Committee on meeting at 4:30.

Motion to table minutes approval and election of officers to next meeting; Robin McComb moved, Sharon Stone-Walker second.

F. REPORTS

NONE

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Robin McCombs; second by Sharon Stone Walker.

APPROVED:

Whitney Rawls, Chair

Dated: _____