# Minutes Community Development Citizens' Committee (CDCC)

April 2, 2009 - Hunt Branch Library

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

#### I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glenna Axe Robert Elliott Ernest Hernandez Jay Kremer Mark McGee Kay Miller John Shipman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Simon Karmarkar

STAFF PRESENT: Linda R. Morad, Housing Programs Supervisor

Kim Radding, Clerical Assistant III

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Member Elliott to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2009 as written. The MOTION was SECONDED by Member Axe and CARRIED unanimously.

#### III. 2009-2010 NON-PROFIT AND CITY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Morad reviewed the proposal analysis for two non-profit agency programs that submitted applications and were found ineligible to receive CDBG funding.

Family Assessment, Counseling and Education Services (F.A.C.E.S.) requested \$6,000 to provide clinicians with laptops and software for use at outreach counseling sites. However, the purchase of equipment is excluded from CDBG funding.

Fullerton Union High School Speech and Debate requested \$10,000 to support a scholarship program assisting students to attend tournaments during the school year and speech camp during the summer. The application was denied because travel is not a CDBG eligible expense and the agency must show that at a least 51% of their program participants are in low/moderate-income range. The debate team has 161 members with approximately 50 from low/moderate income households.

Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton (BGC)

BGC Fullerton Youth Gang Prevention and Early Intervention Project

Fred Johnson, Executive Director

Chris Olson, Grants Coordinator

Eddie Hernandez, Gang Specialist

This funding request of \$50,000 will be used to support the program operation at two Fullerton sites.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Fullerton Police Department, School District and City Council have identified gang prevention as a top priority due to a rise in local gang activity during recent years. The BGC has worked very closely with the Gang Task Force, Probation Department and School Districts to develop a program to deal with gang prevention and early intervention with pre-adolescent at-risk youth. A pilot program has recently been introduced at Richman Elementary School to refer children that are pre-delinquent, have some form of gang involvement, or demonstrate some type of delinquent behavior.

Mr. Hernandez discussed the attributes and accomplishments of a similar program that has been operational for approximately two years with local junior high school students. Mr. Johnson interjected that the Richman BGC site will be devoted to the prevention program, focusing upon the expanded intervention program with at-risk youth. He emphasized that there must be stringent criteria for acceptance into this program in order to assure success. Transportation will be provided and membership fees will be waived.

- Q: The program is titled Youth Gang Prevention and Early Intervention. Are there actually two groups of youth involved?
- A: There will be two different groups. Prevention will focus on younger children and early intervention will involve youth that may have already experienced some type of conflict and are referred by their school, the Police Department or County Probation.
- Q: Will the program include any ROP-type aspects?
- A: Community mobilization is important to the success of the overall program. For example the BGC will continue to establish contacts in the business community and forge relationships to facilitate training and employment opportunities for youth.
- Q: Is it necessary to separate participants by gender?
- A: For certain aspects of the program, the youth are best served by focusing on gender-specific needs. Thus, some portions of the program are tailored to be age and gender appropriate.
- Q: How will criteria be applied to determine that the program is successful?
- A: It will be necessary to conduct individual follow-up with the youth involved, as well as the referring agency. In each case there will be a contract with the participating youth and their family. The success of the program is largely dependent upon the involvement of the family.

Q: What ages are grouped together?

A: Prevention programs will address elementary and junior high (grades 4 through 8). Intervention will focus on freshman and sophomore grades of high school aged youth.

Q: Is it more expensive to operate the program for older youth?

A: The intervention program is generally more expensive to operate. However, the program enrollment will be balanced. Initially the program will enroll 95 students to each program for a total of 190 participants.

Q: How would you prioritize the two grant requests BGC has submitted?

A: Both programs are important. The Gang Prevention program will require a minimum of \$30,000 to be effective.

Q: How will BGC verify that the youth enrolled to the Gang Prevention program are from the low-mod areas as required by CDBG guidelines?

A: Household earnings will be an element of the criteria for initial enrollment to the program. It is anticipated that a least 90% of the referrals will be derived from schools in south Fullerton CDBG eligible neighborhoods.

YMCA of Orange County, North Orange County Branch Richman Center Youth Achievers Clare McKenna, Executive Director Graecia Ramos, Community Programs

The YMCA is requesting \$10,000 to cover costs incurred for their after school enrichment program. Ms. McKenna explained that the program focuses upon family involvement with the youth and thereby building the local community. The program schedule includes field trips out of the area to increase exposure to new experiences for persons that would normally be limited from traveling outside of their neighborhood.

Ms. Ramos stated that approximately 35 children and their families are involved in the program daily, which is conducted in a community center atmosphere. There are tutors available to assist with homework. Activities are intended to promote life skills lessons. Bimonthly movie nights are sponsored and generally attended by 80+ persons. A leadership school is offered annually in a local mountain camp. Parents participate after school as well as on field trips. Statistics indicate that one-in-five children has achieved a significant improvement in their grades as a result of participating in the afterschool program.

Q: Is religion taught?

A: The program is founded in the YMCA principles, but religion is not specifically taught.

Q: Do you receive feedback from parents or children?

A: Yes. A great deal of appreciation is expressed in various ways. Many times children that have participated up through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade return to volunteer and tutor younger children.

- Q: How will the\$10,000 be expended?
- A: The funding will be utilized to pay the salaries for staff operating the program.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Morad summarized her expectations for the potential funding that will become available through various stimulus programs including the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) and additional CDBG funding. There will be a process that shall potentially involve the CDCC members with reviewing applications and providing recommendation to the City Council.

A lengthy discussion was held among the members to review the applications and presentations for 2009-10 CDBG funding; including the pros and cons of choosing a fair housing provider located outside of Orange County. The discussion culminated in a determination of allocations to non-profits and City departments with contingency recommendations in order to address the potential for a shortfall in anticipated CDBG funding.

It was concluded that the following organizations shall be recommended for funding:

BGC Fullerton - After-School Program	\$ 30,000
BGC Fullerton - Youth Gang Prevention	\$ 30,000
Council on Aging OC - Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 20,000
Fair Housing Council OC – Fullerton Fair Housing	\$ 30,000
FIES – New Vista Life Skills Training Program	\$ 12,000
Meals on Wheels – Maintenance of Meals & Support Services	\$ 36,000
WTLC – Shelter Support	\$ 10,000
YMCA of OC/North OC – Richman Center Youth Achievers	\$ 10,000
Fullerton Community Development - Community Preservation	\$325,390
Fullerton Community Development - HCR Administration	\$100,250
Fullerton Community Development - HCR Overhead	\$150,000
Fullerton Community Development - Housing Rehab Overhead	\$ 93,780
Housing Rehabilitation – Loans and Grants Carryover	\$200,000
Section 108 – Richman Park Area Infrastructure Payment	\$773,100

Member Shipman made a MOTION to approve the budget of \$1,820,520 to fund non-profit organizations and City Departments as proposed by the Committee, the MOTION was SECONDED by Vice Chairman McGee and CARRIED unanimously.

Vice Chairman McGee proposed a MOTION as a contingency recommendation that if 2009-2010 CDBG funding is less than anticipated, (1) the additional funds granted above the amount requested will be reduced to the original grant request, (2) the BGC Gang Prevention program funding shall be reduced by up to \$20,000 and the YMCA Richman Youth Achievers shall be reduced accordingly. The MOTION was SECONDED by Member Shipman and CARRIED unanimously.

It was further discussed that if the 2009-2010 CDBG allocation is greater than expected, the reprogrammable funds will be removed from this application period and be allocated at a later date.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Miller opened the meeting for public comment. None was offered.

## V. FUTURE MEETINGS

The agenda items before the Committee for the 2009-2010 meeting schedule have been accomplished with no further business pending and no additional meetings required at this time. The CDCC recommendations shall be presented for City Council approval during a Public Hearing on May 5, 2009 at the Fullerton City Hall, City Council Chambers.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chairman McGee MOVED to adjourn the meeting, the MOTION was SECONDED by Member Shipman and supported unanimously by the members present.

Chairperson Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,	
Kim Radding	
Clerical Assistant III	