STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 10th day of May, 2012, the Community Development Advisory Committee met in a public meeting at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall, 509 SE 7th Avenue, City Commission Chambers, Room 302, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT
PARR, Chuck - Chairman	YES	16	14
BANDY, Bill - SW Area	YES	11	9
DUNN, Eddie - Target Area	YES	27	20
GATES, Sam – NW Area	NO	4	2
GRISHAM, Glenda – NW Area	YES	52	45
JONES, Thomas – NE Area	YES	44	31
NELSON, Mary Jane – SE Area	YES	11	9
RIVERA, Ruben – SE Area	NO	40	31
SALDIERNA, Rita – NE Area	YES	37	28
SISNEROS, Sabrina – Target Area	YES	4	4
STUDER, Lee – SW Area	YES	4	4

STAFF MEMBERS:
James Allen, Community Development Administrator
Deon Coffman, Housing Administrator
Susan Barros, Program Coordinator
Lisa Lee, Administrative Assistant

Citizens in Attendance: 38

Chuck Parr established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Chuck Parr asked each committee and staff member to introduce themselves and what area they represent.

ITEM 1: Consider project funding requests for the 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan for Housing and community Development using the following resources:

2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant	$1,451,536
2012-2013 HOME Investment Partnership Program	$ 579,998
	$2,031,534

Guyon Saunders Resource Center, Resource Center Day Room Coordinator - Melanie Smoot, 200 S. Tyler - $39,114 - informed everyone that the Day Room provides day shelter and services for those experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless, services that address basic needs 365 days a year. The room also provides advocacy to those utilizing the room to services in the community that promote self-sufficiency as well as health and human service needs. The salary requested includes the lead staff position for the Community Day Room that oversees these daily services and supervises the Day Room Advocate.
No public comment.
Rita Saldierna asked if the Emergency Solutions Grant would cover this request.
Melanie Smoot stated they asked for the same amount so they could cover all their bases.
Chuck Parr asked what would happen with this funding if the ESG grant came through.
Melanie Smoot stated that if they received the ESG funds, this request would be disregarded.

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) – Child Care Local Match – Lizabeth Gresham - $100,000 – The proposed project is a collaborative effort between the City of Amarillo and PRPC to use CDBG funds to secure matching federal Child Care and Development funds for the area. City CDBG funds combined with matching federal funds would be used to provide child care services for eligible low-income families living within the City of Amarillo.
No public comment.
Glenda Grisham asked if they serviced 26 counties or Amarillo.
Lizabeth Gresham stated the funding would only cover the Amarillo area.

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) – FoodNET – Sundee Rossi - $25,000 – The FoodNet program provides congregate and home delivered meals in the Amarillo/Canyon area, and targets lower income seniors and disabled adults. CDBG funds will only be used to support home delivered clients residing within the Amarillo city limits.
No public comment.
No comments from the Committee.

Texas Panhandle Centers Behavioral and Development Health – Libby Moore – PO Box 3250 – $60,000 – is requesting funding for an Intensive Outpatient Day Program that will treat individuals who are homeless or are in crisis with a diagnosis of substance abuse or mental illness.
No public comment.
Sabrina Sisneros asked if the 30 days will be long enough.
Libby Moore stated the treatment will focus solely on recovery and not used as a medical detox.

Wesley Community Center – Wrestling Program – Belinda Taylor - $12,000 - described the wrestling program, history and told anecdotes of families. This grant request is for the coach salary. This is a 12 month program instead of just the school year. Tony Hernandez is the Head Wrestling Coach.

No public comment.
No comments from the committee.

Wesley Community Center – After School Program – Kevin Garber – 1615 S. Roberts - $48, 600 – is seeking funding for an After School and Summer Camp Program for children ages 5-13. They want 40 kids in the target area to attend their programs free of charge.
No public comment.
Thomas Jones asked if this included only the Caprock cluster.
Kevin Garber stated that the children would come from the Caprock cluster free of charge.

Wesley Community Center – Safe Kids Smart Kids – Ben Ramos & Liz Rascon - 1615 S. Roberts - $9,000 – is requesting funding for an anti-bullying program. The Smart Kids Safe Kids (SK2) group meets weekly. This program will promote self esteem, social skills, and conflict resolution. The program is targeting children ages 3-12. Each group would consist of 7 children
No public comment.
Chuck Parr asked how many were currently enrolled in this program.
Ben Ramos stated he currently has 40 kids enrolled.

West Texas Family and Community Services - Empowerment Project, Lois McDonald- 601 SW 10th – $46,740.40 – is requesting funding for the director's salary to provide employment, counseling and case management services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
No public comment.
Chuck Parr asked what they will do next year as a collaboration with other agencies.
Lois McDonald stated they work closely with all the agencies to set up classes dealing with counseling issues.
Rita Saldierna asked how long this program has been operating.
Lois McDonald said they have been in operation for 5 years.

Amarillo Senior Citizens – Health, Fitness and Wellness Program - Jelaine Workman – 1217 S. Tyler - $60,980 – is asking for funding for a Health, Fitness and Wellness center that will provide a place for seniors to come and exercise to maintain a healthier life style.
No public comment.
Bill Bandy asked if there were any other revenue funding besides this request?
Jelaine Workman stated they have not pursed any other sources, but will seek other avenues.
Glenda Grisham asked if they have asked for equipment donation.
Jelaine Workman said they have not asked for that, but would be willing to do that.
Lee Studer asked why the membership was only $40.
Jelaine Workman stated they had just recently increased the fees. The reason for this is that many members are on a limited income.

Another Chance House – Parking lot and sidewalk construction/repairs including handicap and wheelchair ramps – Sandy Fenberg- 209 S. Jackson - $41,877 – is requesting funding for their Victory Garden complex for Veterans parking lot sidewalk construction/replacement (including handicap and wheelchair ramps).
No public comment.
No comments from the committee.

Downtown Women's Center (DWC) - Building Purchase – Diann Gilmore - 409 S Monroe - $75,000 – is requesting funding for the purchase of the building located at 814 SW 10th. This is the location of the flagship store, Thrift City. DWC is in a lease to purchase agreement with the owner of the property. The agreement is for $300,000 and will expire in December 2012. They have received additional funds from other sources and have raised $145,000 towards this purchase.
No public comments.
No comments from the committee.

Guyon Saunders Resource Center – Roof Replacement – Melanie Smoot – 200 S Tyler - $77,542 - The Guyon Saunders Resource Center's roof needs to be completely replaced doe to its age, ongoing leaks on the upper floor, mold and mildew development, and employee health concerns. This leaky roof could prove to be detrimental to the upper level agencies house at Guyon Saunders Resource Center.
No public comment.
Glenda Grisham asked if there was a maintenance line item.
Melanie Smoot stated there was a maintenance line item for $15,000.

YMCA – North Branch – Air conditioning and heating – Jim Haugen and Jenna Hodges – 1330 NW 18th - $24,442 – is requesting funding to add 2 new air conditioning/heating units in the North Y Gym. The two units that service the gym are not adequate to maintain appropriate temperatures. Adding two more 5 ton units would increase the effectiveness of the two units currently in service and extend the longevity of the units and help in the reduction of utility costs over a period of time.
No public comments.

With no further business to come before the committee, Chuck Parr requested a motion to adjourn. Mary Jane Nelson made the motion and it was seconded by Glenda Grisham. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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James Allen
Community Development Administrator