

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 27, 2010
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES of the **PUBLIC HEARING** of the **Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Development Block Grants**, held on **January 27, 2010** in **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 201 S. CORTEZ STREET**, Prescott, Arizona.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hartmann, City of Prescott Grants Administrator, called the hearing to order at 5:30 PM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Miriam Haubrich
Jerome Jones
Pam Wickstrom
Tammy Linn, Council Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Hartmann, Grants Administrator
Kathy Dudek, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Johnson

III. PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Hartmann reviewed the purpose of the committee and mentioned:

- the three national objectives that must be met (the objectives are located in the packets that were sent with the application);
- the City of Prescott, with a lower population, meets the national objective with a different quartile at 48.4% than is required of larger cities that must meet 51%; and,
- in the past, the Dexter neighborhood has been the only neighborhood that has qualified for CDBG grant monies.

IV. STRATEGIES AND GOALS

Ms. Hartmann reviewed the strategies and goals of the program, which include:

- increase transitional housing for the homeless and special needs population which is important to the block grant system;
- increase the supply of housing to low-income and other special populations;
- increase the supply of rental units in close proximity to downtown;
- provide assistance to those needing it the most, including facilities that can help;
- focus on residential rehabilitation;

- public service assistance, i.e. providing meals to the homebound, etc., of which a maximum of 15% of the allocated grant monies may be used: 20% of the allocation goes to administration, and the remaining allocation to projects that are best suited to the needs of the community.

V. NON-PROFIT / PROVIDERS, SUGGESTED PROJECT PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Hartmann asked for public participation by both nonprofits and the public. The following persons commented:

1) Ms. Carmen Frederic, representing Prescott Area Women's Shelter (PAWS), gave a brief history of PAWS, which opened in February 2009 and has served over 100 women. Of those served, approximately 44 of the women have transitioned into permanent housing.

Ms. Frederic's request for PAWS includes:

- funding for a bathroom addition as there is only one bathroom that serves the maximum capacity of 14 adults plus the women's children;
- re-flooring the kitchen;
- improving the kitchen cabinetry; and,
- the total amount requested: \$15,000.

Committee members queried:

- has this facility moved to a new site [Ms. Frederic: yes, the facility is now located on Rush Street].

2) Mr. Dave Marston, representing Prescott Meals on Wheels, noted that PMOW received their first opportunity for CDBG funds in 2009. In the absence of City funding, PMOW is dependent on other funding to serve the over 80% who are classified as very elderly, homebound and needy clients, the majority of which are in the low-income category. Government funding provides approximately one-third of the cost of those meals. It should be noted that PMOW has started delivering meals to PAWS at no charge.

Mr. Marston's request for PMOW includes:

- funding in the \$30,000, which would only cover 7% of PMOW's needs.

Committee members queried:

- the remaining money that needs to be raised [Mr. Marston: another \$90,000 to \$100,000).

3) Mr. Alfred Falk, representing Project Aware (PA), gave a brief overview of the history of PA and indicated that 14 apartments have been completed for individuals who meet the 60% of the median income in Yavapai County. Two of the three structures have been completed thus far. All residents are veterans who have come from the VA, domiciliary, and US vets and have been homeless. There is always a waiting list. Occupants must be drug and alcohol free and are subject to testing.

Mr. Falk's request for PA includes:

- funding for the third, commercial building that will house six individuals;
- funding for the project in the amount of \$100,000 (of the \$550,000 needed).

There were no questions raised by the members of the committee.

4) Mr. Bob Painter, The Adult Center/Prescott Meals on Wheels (TAC/PMOW), explained that the Center was interested in becoming self sustaining and converting to solar energy. Installation of solar energy should reduce the monthly bills by \$300 to \$400 per month. The entire project should cost approximately \$43,000 to \$45,000.

Mr. Painter's request for TAC/PMOW includes:

- \$30,000 for solar panels.

Committee members included the following queries:

- will the panels be purchased [Mr. Painter: we are in the process of getting bids, including the firm that did the Prescott Public Library's solar installation];
- will City approval be needed [Mr. Painter: probably].
- if tax benefits will result [Mr. Painter: the City would get an approximate 30% rebate APS].

(In checking with the Chief Building Official of the City of Prescott, building permits and an analysis of the roof structure will be needed should the grant request receive funding / K. Dudek).

5) Ms. Lora Norman, representing West Yavapai Guidance Clinic (WYGC), remarked on the history of WYGC and noted that two years ago CDBG funded renovations in the amount of \$50,000 with matching funds from private donations. The substance abuse facilities are in need of expansion. Also, the Cortez Clinic that serves over 1,200 children of which approximately 40% are from Prescott is in need of upgrades.

Ms. Norman request for funding includes:

- funding for expansion of the substance abuse facilities;
- funding for renovations to the Cortez Clinic located at the corner of LaRue & Cortez Streets as the carpeting hasn't been replaced since 1984; and,
- \$75,000 for both facilities.

Committee members included the following queries:

- what percentage of persons served come from both Prescott and Prescott Valley [Ms. Norman: 300 Prescott and 500 Prescott Valley, with the remaining number from Chino Valley and Dewey Humboldt];
- if there is an asbestos problem [Ms. Norman: the center was constructed ca 1984 and was done, she believed, by Otwell & Associates Architects and Haley Construction. There shouldn't be any asbestos problem].

(No application was turned in by the applicant).

6) Ms. Roberta Howard, CEO representing NAZCARE, did not have a request; rather, she had a "thank you." Ms Howard stated that she was grateful for the CDBG support given to Hope House in the past. She welcomes the public to visit the Hope House at 579 White Spar which includes an 8-unit facility. National recognition has been given to that facility. The City's letter of support to ADOH was greatly appreciated.

Ms. Howard is also thankful for the two commercial vans that were donated in the past with CDBG funds; and, she noted that the vans have made a tremendous benefit to the lives of the clients served. Ms. Howard would love to see more housing that is in a "green" or "affordable" manner that supports a high-risk population. More community integration with the members is desired so that the clients can become a part of the City.

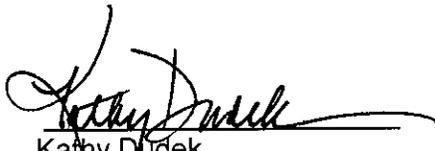
Councilwoman Linn noted that she works on the trail system in Prescott and that she would welcome help by volunteers to help build in building the trails. She is supportive of having the community members do something meaningful. She welcomes participation from Ms. Howard's clients.

7) Mr. Bob Moore has been involved with several non-profit groups. He received the notice from the City and that is the reason why he is here. He is here as a resident of the City and is not representing an organization. Mr. Moore stressed that the areas identified in the five-year plan are clearly huge and very important. He wants to say that all the organizations are doing terrific work on behalf of the people who are often segregated and in need of support. He feels that we need to do everything to integrate those persons within the community.

Ms Hartmann noted that applications will be accepted until February 4, 2010.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.


Kathy Dudek
Recording Secretary