

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016  
CITY HALL WEST CONFERENCE ROOM  
CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeJager, Krenz, Lopez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dunklee, Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Director of Community Services  
Kimberly Lucar, Community Development Dept.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Krenz, supported by DeJager, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Committee Minutes

Motion by DeJager, supported by Krenz, to approve the prior meeting minutes of August 3, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2015-2016 CAPER Review (Year End Reporting to HUD)

Lucar presented the draft 2015-2016 performance report, which is based off the sixth year Action Plan from the previously adopted 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. Next year's report will be based off the recently adopted 2016-2020 Regional Consolidated Plan. The information in the report is generated from the data that is entered into the HUD IDIS software system. She referred to the section in the report Goals and Outcomes Detail. Because of the change to the new HUD grant based accounting system, the list of activities now correlate directly with specific grant funding years. She proceeded to highlight various FY 2015-2016 accomplishments: 5 construction projects were completed within Pinery Park, there were 3 garage demolitions, 15 homes were rehabilitated through our Housing Rehabilitation Program, Home Repair Services rehabilitated 63 homes, Habitat for Humanity rehabilitated 4 homes, and The Salvation Army Social Services provided rental assistance to 32 people. She next referred to the PR-26 financial report which provides all the financial detail for FY 2015-2016.

Public Hearing on CAPER

Chair Lopez opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. There was no public and the public hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

## Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public.

## FY 2017-2018 Grant Process

Review of HUD authorization delay impacts – Rynbrandt noted that authorizations from HUD to spend 2016-2017 grant funds were received later than usual because of federal policy changes. Construction activities such as the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Home Repair Services, which are tied to the environmental review approval, were delayed approximately two months. This could affect our performance numbers related to these activities, but hopefully we can make it during the year. Another inspector is being trained on the Housing Rehabilitation Program and may be able to assist.

Review of Fair Housing & Analysis of Impediments Recommendations/Regional Consolidated Plan Priorities/Parks and Recreation (Public Facilities) Priorities – The Committee agreed with the recommendations in these studies as the basis for setting priorities for 2017-2018 projects.

## Tornado Impact Area

Rynbrandt mentioned the recent tornado was the third major event in the community within the last four years (flood in 2013, tornado in 2014, tornado in 2016). She showed the map of the impact area from the recent tornado that touched down in Wyoming, with major impacts to the 36<sup>th</sup> Street/Byron Center Avenue and Pinery Park areas. Both of these areas are low/moderate-income areas.

DeJager said she appreciated the City's excellent response with the cleanup efforts and providing emergency resources.

## Library Millage Questions

Rynbrandt explained the Parks and Recreation millage levy has been the same for the past 20 years. She outlined the cost saving measures that have been implemented throughout the years to offset inflation, and also discussed the parks that are prioritized for improvements in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. On September 6<sup>th</sup> the City Council approved a proposed amendment to the City Charter be brought before the voters at the May 2017 election to allow the option of using the existing Public Library Millage to also be used for capital improvements in City parks. This would not increase taxes for residents, rather improving the flexibility of dedicated capital funds.

## Committee

Member Recruitment – There are currently two openings on the committee. Rynbrandt encouraged the committee members to reach out to individuals who may wish to serve.

## Public Comment in General

There was no public.

Adjournment

Motion by DeJager, supported by Krenz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is October 5, 2016.

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Kimberly S. Lucar  
Planning & Community Development Dept.