

Minutes
Committee of the Whole
June 10, 2019
7:30 p.m. Board Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

I. Call to Order

President Hayes Called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Members

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Canty, Padovani, Tinaglia, Baldino and Schwingbeck.

Trustees Scaletta, LaBedz and Rosenberg were absent.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Charles Witherington Perkins, Nora Boyer and Becky Hume

IV. New Business

A. Public Hearing #1 - CDBG

Trustee Tinaglia moved to open the Public Hearing. Trustee Padovani Seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Perkins explained Federal Regulations require a public hearing process for the development of the Village's 5-year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action plan and Substantial Amendments to either of these Plans. Tonight's meeting is the first public hearing and the second one will be in July. This allows time for the Village to receive public comments on the substantial amendments to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the draft Federal FY 2019 Annual Action plan for program year October 1-September 30, 2020.

Several changes are being proposed to shift funding as demand has increased or decreased: the Single Family Rehab program has been adjusted down, the Rental Rehab program has been adjusted up, public facilities are adjusted up and public infrastructure was increased.

Charles Warner of Faith Community Homes said their organization helps families achieve financial independence with advisory assistance and mentoring. They provide rent support for 2 years. The clients must pay 30% of their income for 2 years toward rent. They advise the family on budgeting and how they are using their money. 85% of the families they have worked with are able to pay their bills, plan their own expenses and solve their own problems.

Karen Oswald of the District 214 Education Foundation said the CDBG monies help support 49% of the ESL class at the Library. Nearly 50% of their clients gain one educational functioning level which exceeds the State's goals. The program has served 21 adults this year from the Village already. There were 49 different languages spoken in the program last year.

Jim Huenink of the Northwest Center for Sexual Assault said they are a Crisis Center with a main office in the Village. They served 12 residents last year and over 45 clients. They provide round the clock response at the hospitals. The organization also presents prevention education. Demand has gone up 50% in the hospitals and they have a waiting list for counseling services.

Mark Parr of the Children's Advocacy Center said they provide services for children who have experienced physical abuse, sexual abuse or who have witnessed violence. They average two forensic interviews each day. Closer to 40% of their clients speak a language other than English. They served 74 children and adults in the Village last year. President Hayes asked how many reports are not true. Mr. Parr said it almost never is an accusation fabricated.

Shelley Welch of WINGS described their domestic violence housing agency which provides housing, services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. WINGS offers a continuum of shelter. There are family advocates assigned to each family. They conduct bedside visits at hospitals. The organization is partially supported by resale shops, one of which is in the Village.

Frederick Stupen of Resources for Community Living said their organization provides affordable housing and services for people with mental and physical disabilities in Northwest Cook County. They are seeing an increase of individuals and clients that do not have families. Some clients' parents are aging out or cannot take care of them anymore.

Anne Wall of Escorted Transportation Northwest said they provide rides for seniors to their medical appointments. The drivers stay with the senior during their appointments and takes them to the pharmacy if they need a prescription. No fee is charged, but they ask for a \$6 donation for a one way ride. All drivers are volunteers and they can always use more.

Kimberly Mertz of Suburban Primary Health Care Partners explained the Access to Care program which provides primary healthcare services to un/underinsured residents. Behavioral health services are now a permanent part of the program. Addiction and substance abuse medications are available. They served 90 residents of the Village last year. They are asking for less money this year than last year because of the CDBG residency restrictions and don't want to ask for money they cannot use. Money that goes unused goes back to the Village and can be redirected.

Suzanne Ploger of Journeys the Road Home said they served 100 Village residents last year. They support the PADS program at area churches which has expanded to cover summer with 5 locations. They also provide counseling services out of the Hope Center in Palatine. Currently 33% of their clients are at risk of being homeless and 66% are truly homeless. They identify residency using the last permanent residence of the client to make sure they are in our service area.

Katie Waszak of the Arlington Heights Park District CAP Program said the before and after school program offered at the schools is a Joint effort for the Park District, School Districts and the Village. 1,165 kids are served. For families in financial need, the Village provides funds for a scholarship program

which helped 21 children last year. The total funding for scholarships is divided between CDBG budget and the Health Department's Budget.

Sonia Ivanov of Northwest Compass said they offer housing and counseling services for those who are chronically homeless. They have 3 apartments in the area. They have been funded before but not since 2016. The money would help them secure matching funds. Their previous name was CEDA Northwest, but they changed name 4 years ago.

Maria Brauer of Shelter Inc. said they provide safe housing for children who are abused or neglected. They also train and license foster care families in the Village. Two emergency shelters operate and one is in the Village. They are asking for funds to help with their shelter for young adult males in the welfare system who have aged out. They rent the home, but they must pay for the repairs on their own. The kitchen floor needs to be redone as it was damaged because of a leaky dishwasher.

Mari Brzostouski of Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health asked for money to help them remedy a basement water problem in an apartment building where they have 24-hour care facility that houses 8 clients. There is a staff office in the basement and their therapy happens there. They need a new storm drain system and a sump pump. The building is 63 years old.

Beth Nabors of Journeys the Road Home said they are planning to construct a 30,000 square foot facility which includes a year round shelter. The goal is to offset the church ministries and allow them to bring people in that have more pressing issues. The center will have round the clock case management and 11 units of affordable supportive housing. The organization supports 100 Village residents a year.

Mr. Perkins summarized the Village requests. The Village is asking for less than in previous years for the Single Family Rehab Loan program, which allows residents to improve their homes, because there is less demand. There is more demand for funds in the Group Home and Transitional Housing program, so staff is asking for an increase there. There is a request for funds for Public Infrastructure to improve streets in designated qualifying neighborhoods. There is a request for upgrades and security improvements for the Senior Center. The Village is also asking for funds towards the management and audits for the CDBG program.

Michael Dalton of Clearbrook requested funds to support their adults in group homes. Clearbrook is acquiring another home, which will give them the 7th in Arlington Heights. The home on Kennicott needs new siding, soffits, fascia and door framing. The monies in the for group homes get funded through the Group Residence/Transitional Housing Program line item so that more projects can be funded.

Jason Clark of Little City Foundation requested funds to improve their group home on Euclid which serves 6 aging ladies. They would like to upgrade the lighting in the bedrooms, make the bathrooms ADA accessible and rehab the kitchen.

Nazneen Begum of Global Executive Council Services asked for funds to they can hire full time staff to assist their service of the Asian community. The organization counsels people on public benefit systems like Medicaid and Medicare. The agency tries to help them to become productive citizens as soon as possible.

Laura Vatiukenas spoke on behalf of Life Span and explained their agency offers domestic and sexual violence victims legal counseling and advocacy. They work with District 214 a lot to help high school staff

members identify victims of violence. They have started support groups at Vanguard and Rolling Meadows High School. They are looking at providing human trafficking advocacy.

Mr. Perkins said there are Staff recommendations regarding the action plan. In the second hearing in July, they Board will consider these recommendations in combination with any public comment received. The public service requests were for more than \$200,000, but the Village can only fund \$44,500. There is an administrative service cap at \$63,000. The remainder of the monies must be spent on bricks and mortar projects.

Staff recommends continuing to fund existing public service agencies. HUD doesn't like lots of small grants, so staff tries to consolidate when possible. Each agency has an agreement that is executed, and Ms. Boyer manages it. All the agencies are worthy. The three physical construction improvement requests are funded from line item 20. If Journeys does not move forward in next physical year, the money for their project would be reallocated to public facilities or a group home.

President Hayes said he was glad to see construction allocations for group homes.

Trustee Canty asked what happens if we approve a grant and they can't use the full amount. Mr. Perkins said it goes back into the fund and is reallocated.

The next Public Hearing is on the July 15, 2019 Village Board Agenda.

Trustee Padovani moved to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Tinaglia seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Adjourn

Trustee Baldino moved to adjourn at 9:11. Trustee Canty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

Becky Hume, Village Clerk