



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Committee-of-the-Whole
Board Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
May 14, 2018
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

President Hayes and the following Trustees were present: Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor and Blackwood.

Trustees Tingalia, Scaletta and Baldino were absent.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Federal FFY 2018 Annual Action Plan/CDBG Budget

President Hayes said the Village does its best with the limited funding available to help those who are hurting. He thanked all the organizations for their good work. The Village relies on the services these agencies provide. Very small amounts are given to each group, but small amounts help.

Mr. Perkins said this is the first Public Hearing for the CDBG budget. There are 20 requests for \$570,000 and the Village can fund \$450,000. After the Public Hearing, staff will make a recommendation and a 30-day public comment period will occur. After the final Public Hearing in June, staff will submit the Annual Action Plan to HUD for formal review and approval.

Charles Warner of Faith Community Homes said they try to strengthen low income families by offering rent support, mentoring and case management. Their goal is to increase their incomes and help families get more education

and training. Eighty-five percent of families move to independence and meet their expenses. Right now, there is an influx of new families. Some people are being priced out of the Village.

Rhoda Serafin said Karen Oswald is replacing her as manager of Adult Education & Family Literacy for District 214 as Ms. Serafin is retiring. ESL is a program that helps new residents to learn English and digital literacy skills. They share costs with the Illinois College Board. Trustee LaBedz asked how many students were accommodated. Ms. Serafin said approximately 25 students each session.

Jim Huenink of the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (CASA) said they provide counseling services. Twenty five percent of their clients are under 18 and over 30% are Hispanic. Ninety one percent of clients reported measured improvements after 6 sessions. CASA responds to all hospitals in the area 24/7, there are over 200 calls a year. President Hayes asked if the numbers of incidents were increasing. Mr. Huenink said reporting of sexual assaults has increased and more survivors are seeking help. Trustee Sidor asked if there was a maximum number of sessions allowed and if they tracked return clients. Mr. Huenink said there are no limits to services. People can come back if they wish but they do not specifically tally return clients.

Mark Parr of the Children's Advocacy Center said they serve children who are survivors of violence or abuse. The agency identifies a comprehensive plan for the child's safety with counselors, medical providers and police investigators. They served 780 children in the past year, 58 of whom were from Arlington Heights.

Gabriela Arias of WINGS said they served 351 adults and children last year. Eighty five percent of their clients move forward to secure permanent housing. Recently WINGS streamlined their internal organization staffing. Nineteen Arlington Heights residents were provided over 1,000 nights of shelter. When asked by Trustee Rosenberg how many nights is an average stay is, Ms. Arias said she would report that information back to the Board. Clients can stay in an emergency shelter up to 3 months.

Fred Stupen said Resources for Community Living works with high functioning adults with disabilities. RCL offers housing and individualized support. Many clients are those whose family has passed away and need to learn to live on their own. Financial education is a new initiative.

Anne Wall of ETS/Northwest said their organization escorts seniors to their medical appointments. The average passenger is 85 years old. They have 100 volunteers who use their personal cars; many are not reimbursed for gas. ETS does not turn people away if they are unable to pay. Last year, 170 passengers were from Arlington Heights. They have seen a 15% increase in demand.

Kimberly Mertz of Suburban Primary Health Care said 1 in 10 residents of Cook County does not have access to healthcare. SPHC helps low-income

people who are under/uninsured receive healthcare. They now offer behavior health services. Last year they served 5,000 people, 77 of whom were from Arlington Heights.

Suzanne Ploger of Journeys said they shelter and provide social services for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. Last year, they served just under 1,000 people. The summer PADS program has expanded to 5 nights. Thirty-nine hundred people are in poverty in State House District 53, which covers most of the Village of Arlington Heights. They are seeing increases in the number of services people need, but not the number of homeless. Trustee Blackwood asked where the Summer PADS programs are hosted. Answer: Willow Creek, Kingswood, Church of the Incarnation, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard and St. Collette's.

Katie Waszak of Arlington Heights Park District/CAP said their program provides safe and low cost care for children before and after school. Currently, there are 1,128 families enrolled, the highest number ever. They have expanded to Pioneer Park to help with the volume of students. The money from the Village enables scholarships for families unable to afford these services. Nineteen children from kindergarten through 5th grade had scholarships last year.

Amy Fox of Life Span said their agency helps people who have experienced domestic violence. They combine legal representation, counseling and criminal court advocacy to ensure long-term safety. Their professional staff includes 12 attorneys. Life Span also presents programs at local schools.

Ms. Boyer spoke on behalf of the Center for Enriched Living, which provides services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They serve 24 Village residents.

Sonia Ivanov of Northwest Compass said their agency provides housing and counseling to low and moderate income residents in crisis. One hundred and seventy-six Village residents receive services. Many veterans are clients. President Hayes asked for more clarity on the veterans served. Ms. Ivanov said veterans must be honorably discharged to receive housing, but all veterans are able to receive services. Trustee Rosenberg requested a copy of the program expenses. Half of their clients are from Arlington Heights.

Jason Clark of Little City asked for financial assistance as they hope to move a group home to Arlington Heights.

Don Frick of Clearbrook said they would like to replace a furnace and a/c system in one of their group homes. The project would include pulling out the existing furnace, redoing the duct work and installing a high efficiency furnace.

Ms. Boyer said Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health owns a small apartment building in the Village that is experiencing water issues in the basement and they would like funds to help resolve them.

Mark Hellner, Housing Commissioner, said the Commission is requesting money for the Single Family Home Loan Program and the group homes/transitional housing in the Village. The Commission voted in favor of the Clearbrook and Little City requests. There are fewer applications for the Loan Program than in years past but it is still a worthwhile program. They would like to assist in financing the overhead sewer program for those requesting assistance.

Mr. Perkins said HUD restricts the funding between Public Service Activities, Administrative Services, Brick & Mortar Projects and Low/Moderate Income Benefit. For the past twenty years, the Village used the public infrastructure money to fund the debt service for the Senior Center. Now that the money is freed up, staff suggests public infrastructure improvements, which could include street resurfacing with ADA accessibility, upgrades and repairs to the Senior Center and ADA accessibility for the Downtown parking garage. These potential projects would be internally prioritized prior to adoption of the Annual Action Plan.

Mr. Perkins said the last request is to use funding for the Housing Planner position and other administrative costs incurred with administering the CDBG project.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if there are streets identified. Mr. Perkins said yes, they have been identified by Engineering. The Senior Center has requested a video security system, flooring and tuck pointing.

President Hayes asked how streets qualified. Ms. Boyer said streets in Arlington Heights are eligible if the population in the block group has 36.9% who are of low or moderate income.

Mr. Perkins said there are caps that the Village must abide by. HUD would like grants of \$5,000 or more and fewer numbers of awardees. Staff recommends continuing to fund organizations who have received funding in the past and meet the requirements. There is more money for bricks and mortar projects than for services. Staff also recommends expanding the Single Family Rehab program and using the balance for public infrastructure. The third category is capped at \$65,000.

The Second Public Hearing will occur at the Village Board meeting of June 18, 2018.

Trustee Glasgow moved to make the Federal FY 2018 Annual Action Plan (including the draft CDBG budget) available for the 30-day public comment period. Trustee LaBedz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee LaBedz moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Trustee Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.