



**City of Blue Springs  
903 Main  
Blue Springs, Missouri 64015**

**CDBG ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

A regular meeting of the CDBG Advisory Committee of the City of Blue Springs was held at the Municipal Annex in the Municipal Annex Conference Room located at 1304 W Main Street on Thursday, May 10, 2018 with the following members, guests and staff in attendance:

**VOTING MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Mitchell Peil, Planning Commission  
Dena Duhon, Parks  
Cindy Miller, Chairman

Susan Culpepper, Councilman  
Jerry Kaylor, Councilman  
Vacant

**STAFF / OTHERS**

Matt Wright, Community Development  
Chris Sandie, Public Works  
Melody Chrisman, Com. Svc. League  
Mary Anne Matheney, Hope House  
Elaine Lakey, Community Health Workers  
Pam Buck, Downtown Alive

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Lievsay, Councilman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cindy Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Miller requested action on the April 26, 2017, meeting minutes. Councilman Culpepper made a motion to approve the minutes, a second from Councilman Kaylor, and a unanimous vote, the Minutes for April 26, 2017, were approved as submitted.

**AGENDA ITEM 2  
PUBLIC HEARING  
2018-2019 ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN /  
PROJECTS &  
ACTIVITIES**

Chairman Miller opened the public hearing for the Annual Action Plan at 6:00 p.m.

Matt Wright, Senior Planner, presented the draft for the 2018-2019 Action Plan. The total amount of allocation funds for the 2018-2019 program year is \$271,636, approximately \$50,000 more than the previous year. There is also \$69,438 from the pre-2017 budget that needs to be reprogrammed to be used.

Of the total allocation, \$75,000 is proposed to be used for the Minor Home Repair program, for approximately 15 recipients. There is \$48,000 proposed to go towards the First-Time Homebuyer program, for approximately 16-17 recipients. Five-thousand (\$5,000) towards the Fieldhouse scholarships,

which low income residents can use to get lower rates on their fieldhouse monthly passes. Twenty-thousand (\$20,000) to Downtown Alive support, so their staff can help local businesses, and work with clients who are interested in the Façade Grant program. Fifty-thousand (\$50,000) to the Commercial Façade Grant program, which is limited to the slum/blight areas, and between 7 Hwy. and 15<sup>th</sup> St. in the MCRC district. Hope House has been working with Staff, and is proposed to receive \$12,242 for its services. There is not enough funding to support park improvements with CDBG funds, but sales tax initiatives will cover some of those costs. The Sidewalk Improvement program adjacent to James Walker Elementary will require at most, \$85,000 for its second phase. There is \$20,834 designated towards program administration/planning; which is essentially the leftover funds from the Sidewalk Improvement Program. If there are other needs, the program administration/planning funds can be reprogrammed elsewhere.

Mr. Wright noted that of the \$12,242 that Hope House has requested is specifically for battered/abused spouses, with three weeks of therapy for a total of 144 sessions. This program is eligible for funds with the funds from Blue Springs being used only in Blue Springs, as these services are available in Independence and Lee's Summit as well.

Mr. Wright stated that the Community Services League would be eligible for funds. They provide employment training, and assistance with subsistence payments and food bank. Staff has directed CSL to focus on helping families in temporary housing, acquire long-term housing. Melody Chrisman, CSL, spoke positively of her agency which aims to help low income families. Mr. Wright indicated that \$25,000 was requested by CSL for their efforts in Blue Springs.

## QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

Councilman Culpeper inquired about which sidewalks needed to be completed near James Walker Elementary. Chris Sandie, Director, Public Works, stated that the project would include the north side of the school to Knox St. on Sunnyside School Rd., and Sunnyside School Rd. to 1<sup>st</sup> St. on Walnut Street.

Committee Member Peil asked if the Girls on Fire and Life Sports programs were still being considered for CDBG funding. Mr. Wright indicated that he had submitted the request to HUD, to see if each program would qualify for funding. Councilman Culpepper stated that receiving funds is not essential, but would be very helpful to those who have worked hard to raise money for these programs, and ease the strain from slowly losing funding from the Police department. Committee Member Peil asked what the funding would be used for. Councilman Culpepper noted that the funding would be used for sporting equipment and snacks for the participating youth.

Elaine Lakey, Community Health Workers, described her program as a means to help community members access health care. This was not a monetary request, but as a means to inform the other community groups of health care assistance in Blue Springs. She inquired if there was any assistance specifically for seniors. Mr. Wright noted that there was not, but the Minor Home Repair program is utilized heavily by seniors, and that other services are funded in the City from Vesper Hall, for example.

Councilman Culpepper expressed curiosity as to where CSL and Hope House receive their funds. Ms. Chrisman and Mary Anne Matheney, Hope House, both spoke about their programs and how grants, and fundraising impact their budgets. Both spoke to the operating costs, as well as the sheer amount of funds it takes to assist individual families, not just in Blue Springs, but around Jackson County. The \$25,000 that CSL has requested will be put to great use, and will be tracked to note exactly where the funds go to assist families.

**HEARING CLOSED**

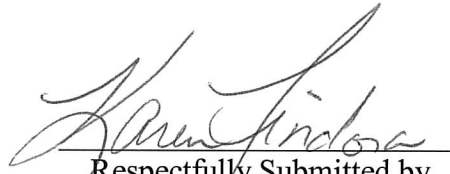
Chairman Miller closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

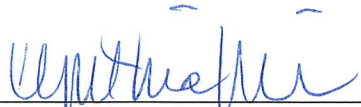
**OTHER BUSINESS**

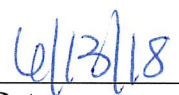
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (Municipal Annex Conf. Room, located at 1304 W Main Street.) This meeting will be for finalizing the Action Plan and giving Staff an opportunity to post the draft for the 30-day public comment period, as well as crafting the recommendation for the August 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURN**

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Kaylor to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Duhon.

  
Respectfully Submitted by,  
Karen Findora, Recording Secretary

  
Cindy Miller, Chairman

  
Date