

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting

April 21, 2014

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Weinhardt, Chair, at 8:51 p.m. A quorum was present.
Approval of the Minutes	Approval of the minutes was deferred.
Agenda Items	
Temp. Ord. A-32	<p>An ordinance approving the 2014-2018 CDBG Consolidated Plan Document, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Proponent testimony was offered by Community Development Administrator Ron Messner. Mr. Messner reported that the only item outstanding from the previous meeting was the inquiry regarding possible CDBG coordination with private lending institutions. Mr. Messner stated that he found no institutions that had ever been involved in this. However, some institutions are willing to make second mortgage loans.</p> <p>The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who stated that according to the Plan 5,605 housing units in the City need repair and have one of four housing problems, while 2,239 units have severe housing problems. Mrs. Pyke asked how these numbers were determined and how many of these homes are being assisted by the City. Mr. Messner stated these numbers are revisions of earlier HUD numbers based upon HUD measurement techniques and the U.S. Census, and that the City will assist as many qualified homeowners as it can. The new brochure and outreach efforts will help generate interest in the program. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City knows which housing units are being referred to. Mr. Messner stated the City does not know which housing units these are. Mrs. Pyke asked if the 8,657 Cuyahoga</p>

Falls applicants identified as being on the AMHA wait list is a number generated by the City. Mr. Messner stated this number comes from AMHA. Mrs. Pyke asked if these applicants are in Cuyahoga Falls now and looking for AMHA housing in Cuyahoga Falls or elsewhere. Community Development Director Diane Sheridan stated that the City would research this issue. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City uses CDBG or any other funds to assist Good Neighbors. Mr. Messner stated he is not aware of the City assisting this agency. Ms. Pyke encouraged the administration to consider assisting Good Neighbors through the CDBG program. Mrs. Pyke asked if Peachtree is a transitional housing agency in Cuyahoga Falls. Mr. Messner stated he did not know if this agency is in Cuyahoga Falls. Mrs. Pyke asked for a list of transitional housing and permanent supportive housing agencies operating in Cuyahoga Falls. Mrs. Pyke asked how much of the CDBG budget is devoted to public improvements in the low-mod areas, and whether the Sutcliffe Building qualifies for this assistance. Mr. Messner stated he was unaware of the Sutcliffe sidewalk issue. Mrs. Pyke asked if the City had made any progress in the establishment of a non-profit affordable housing agency that would address barriers to affordable housing. Planning Director Fred Guerra stated that the City long ago found it more effective to manage this effort on its own. Mrs. Pyke asked why several residential projects that appear to be public and assisted housing are not listed as such in the Plan: Sutcliffe 2, State Road Apartments, Cathedral Tower and various group homes. Mr. Messner stated he would research this issue and report back to the committee. Mrs. Pyke stated the City should get credit in the funding formulas for the amount of assisted housing in the City. Mrs. Pyke asked which CDBG program would be devoted to redevelopment of the Schwebel's site. Ms. Sheridan said there is an interested party in that building and the City is working on an assistance

application to JobsOhio. Mrs. Pyke stated that the Plan lists the sale price of every home in Cuyahoga Falls, and each member of Council should review this document, as they will be surprised and disappointed by this information.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to release Temp. Ord. A-32 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Colavecchio. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. A-33

An ordinance approving the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2014, and declaring an emergency.

There was no proponent testimony. There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

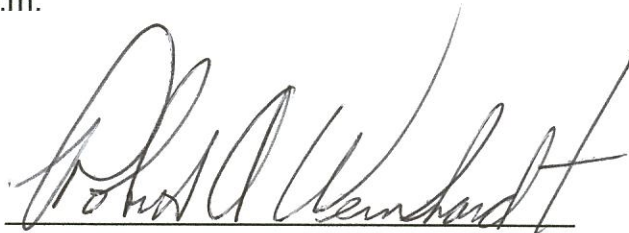
Motion by Mr. Colavecchio to release Temp. Ord. A-33 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.



Robert Weinhardt, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council