

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday:**

**January 7, 2016:**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Development Committee of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016.

The Community Development Committee Members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Commissioner Melissa Sobolik, Commissioner Tim Mahoney, Linda Boyd, Linda Klebe, John Paulsen, Jan Ulferts Stewart, Lynn Fundingsland, Samantha McDonald

Absent: Mike Hahn, Bruce Grubb, Sher Thomsen, Bryce Johnson

**Item 1. Welcome**

**Item 2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 1, 2015**

Mr. Paulsen moved the minutes of the October 1, 2015 Community Development Committee meeting be approved. Second by Ms. Klebe. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3. Review 2016 Community Development Budget and Requests**

Community Development Administrator Dan Mahli presented handouts to the Board regarding Missing Middle Housing, Income and Health. He discussed Fargo-Moorhead communities in relation to their low cost-of-living compared to other urbanized areas; affordability concerns for the lower-income portion of the population; the relationship between household income and fair/poor health status; and the issues of affordable housing and the development of policies that will address needs.

Linda Boyd present.

Discussion was held regarding ways to address affordable housing needs including a strategic planning process.

Mr. Mahli gave a brief summary of the 2016 Community Development Grant requests. He stated Fargo anticipates \$668,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) and \$346,000 in HOME Partnership funds to be available, approximately \$50,000 in HOME program income, as well as \$253,000 in City Social Service funding and \$110,000 in City Art funding.

Activities in the 2016 Action Plan include the following:

**• HOUSING**

- **Housing Rehabilitation-Owner Occupied** – \$307,726 to be available for rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied housing units. This includes \$261,502 in HOME funds and \$43,965 in CDBG.
- **Special Assessment Assistance** – \$10,000 in CDBG funds to assist low-income homeowners with annual special assessments.
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)** - \$100,000 in HOME funds to support CHDO affordable housing projects.

- **Habitat for Humanity** – to support partnership to construct Habitat houses on City-owned lots starting with 705 12th Street North
- **DOWNTOWN PROJECTS** - \$100,000 in CDBG funds for projects that address slum and blight conditions in downtown Fargo.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS**
  - **Fargo Homeless Initiatives** – \$80,000 in CDBG funds to support homeless initiatives at the Gladys Ray Shelter, homeless police liaison, and 10-year plan activities.
  - **Snow Removal Assistance** – \$2,000 in CDBG funds to offer snow removal assistance to low-income senior households and people with disabilities.
  - **High Plains Fair Housing Center** – \$6,000 in CDBG funds to provide comprehensive outreach and education on fair housing.
  - **Metro Transportation Initiative – Opportunities Under Transit (OUT)** – \$3,000 in CDBG funds to provide transportation to low-and-moderate income participants.
  - **Job Training** – \$15,000 in CDBG funds to provide job skills training and development for refugees and low-income persons.
- **FACILITIES/CAPITAL, NEIGHBORHOODS**
  - **Neighborhood/Affordable Housing Projects** – \$100,000 in CDBG funds will be used to support projects in low-to-moderate income areas.
  - **Golden Ridge Community Center** – \$50,000 in CDBG funds will be used to support renovation of neighborhood facility, bathrooms, and accessibility.
  - **Legacy Children’s Foundation** - \$50,000 in CDBG funds will be used to provide matching funds for a park enhancement in the Madison neighborhood.
  - **LSS of ND, Great Plains Food Bank** – \$75,000 in CDBG funds will be used to support the cost of a new freezer for the Great Plains Food Bank.
- **SOCIAL SERVICE AND ART PROJECTS**
  - **CHARISM** – \$15,000 to support youth development programs and skill building for low-income families and youth
  - **Cultural Diversity Resources and Metro Interpreters** – \$18,000 to support diversity training, annual conference, leadership building, education, and interpreters
  - **Emergency Food Pantry** – \$5,000 to support emergency hunger relief efforts and improve coordinated food pantry services in Fargo-Moorhead
  - **Emerging Prairie** – \$5,000 to offer Prairie Den support to Native American, New American and low-income entrepreneurs
  - **Family HealthCare** – \$10,000 to provide funds to offset the cost of emergent and limited health and dental care
  - **Fargo Arts and Culture Commission** – \$110,000 to support The Arts Partnership re-grant program (\$90K) and public art (\$20K)
  - **Fargo Human Relations Commission** – \$10,000 to support fair housing opportunities, cultural/community groups, and Welcome Week activities
  - **Fargo Native American Commission** – \$35,000 to provide support for Native American programs and Crossroads Powwow in Fargo
  - **Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons** – \$15,000 to support administration of Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund, emergency taxi rides, and CARES program
  - **Fargo Youth Commission/Boys & Girls Club** – \$10,000 to support scholarships and activities for youth development program
  - **FirstLink** – \$5,000 to fund the information and crisis services program
  - **Handi-Wheels Transportation** – \$10,000 to provide accessible and affordable transportation to people with disabilities and elderly

- **Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization (HERO)** – \$5,000 to support the operational costs of core service of local programming
  - **New American Consortium** – \$10,000 to support the educational and community programming
  - **New Life Center** – \$10,000 to provide emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and other basics of life services to the homeless
  - **North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People** – \$5,000 to support the development of HUD's Continuum of Care for housing programs in Fargo
  - **PATH** – \$5,000 to support Independent Living Program for youth aging out of foster care
  - **Presentation Partners in Housing** – \$5,000 to provide emergency assistance for families most at-risk or facing homelessness
  - **Pride Collective and Community Center** – \$3,000 to provide LGBT support services for people facing poverty, education, and activities
  - **Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of FM** – \$15,000 to provide crisis support and follow-up services for victims of domestic violence and assault
  - **Red River Human Services Foundation** – \$12,000 to support educational and social activities for people with developmental disabilities
  - **Red River Zoo** – \$5,000 to provide scholarships for under privileged youth and youth leadership program
  - **Valley Senior Services** – \$20,000 to support the Meals on Wheels and Senior Ride programs
  - **Nokomis Child Care Center** – \$5,000 to support scholarship program for low-income families
  - **YWCA Cass Clay – YWCA Emergency Shelter** – \$15,000 to support shelter and housing programs, case management, and advocacy services
- **ADMINISTRATION** – \$133,741 in CDBG funds for project development, planning, and administrative costs associated with the delivery of the CDBG program. HOME funds will provide an additional \$34,600 for administration.

Mr. Paulsen moved to approve the 2016 Housing grant requests. Second by Ms. McDonald. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Fundingsland moved to approve the 2016 Facilities and Capital grant requests. Second by Mr. Paulsen. Ms. Sobolik abstained from voting. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Linda Boyd absent.

Mr. Mahoney moved to approve the 2016 Social Services and Arts grant requests. Second by Ms. Ulferts Stewart. Absent and not voting: Ms. Boyd. Mr. Fundingsland and Ms. McDonald abstained from voting for the Social Services portion of the grant requests. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

#### **Item 4. Review Storefront Rehabilitation at 406-412 Broadway**

Mr. Mahli introduced the proposed storefront rehabilitation project to be considered for 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, adding this project has been reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mark Johnson, Project Manager for The Kilbourne Group, discussed the details of the storefront façade renovation including the history of the buildings, timeline of the project, and the eligible components of the renovation.

Mr. Mahoney moved to approve the request for \$15,000 as presented. Second by Mr. Paulsen. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 5. Other Business**

No other business was presented.

**Item 6. Adjourn**

The time at adjournment was 4:39 p.m.