MINUTES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 21, 2010
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Housing Conference Room, Suite 312
350 W. 6TH Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Chairperson Stubben called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners Present: Hilary Stubben  Paula Maloy, SVM  Dave Shaw
   Ann Michalski  Tom Wainwright  Theresa Caldwell
   Peter Koshakji

Commissioners Absent: Char Eddy  Janice Craddieth

Staff Present:  Aggie Tauke  Kris Neyen  David Harris
   Jerelyn O'Connor  Joleen Patterson

Certification of Minutes—March 3, 2010
Commissioner Michalski moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Maloy seconded. Roll call. Koshakji-abstain; Caldwell-abstain. All present in favor. Motion passed. Again, Commissioner Michalski reiterated that if absent, Commissioners are still allowed to vote on a motion, they just cannot make the motion or second.

Correspondence / Public Input
None.

Old Business
None.

New Business
New Member Peter Koshakji
Chairperson Stubben introduced new Commissioner Peter Koshakji, who provided a brief background and stated his desire to be involved in the community. The Commission and staff introduced themselves.

Oath of Office
Chairperson Stubben and Commissioner Caldwell signed Caldwell’s Oath of Office and submitted to staff for filing.
Amendment to FY11 Annual Action Plan: Amend Plan based on updated CDBG allocation by HUD
Aggie Tauke stated that the City recently was notified by HUD that the FY11 CDBG allocation was $107,824 more than previously approved in the FY11 Annual Plan. Therefore, the proposed amendment to the Plan would fund the Multicultural Family Center 2nd floor expansion in the amount of $86,259 and increase Planning Administration in the amount of $21,565. Aggie stated the expansion is dependent on additional funding from a Lowe’s grant, which has yet to be awarded. Commissioner’s Michalski and Caldwell stated that continued CDBG funding of the Multicultural Center should be limited due to the $475,780 CDBG funding currently provided to the Center. Commissioner Wainwright moved to set a public hearing for the proposed amendment for June 16, 2010 at 5:30 in the Housing Department Conference Room. Commissioner Maloy seconded. Roll call. Koshakji-abstain. All others present in favor. Motion passed.

Neighborhood Grant for Valley View Neighborhood
Jerelyn O’Connor, Neighborhood Development Specialist, gave a brief overview of the Large Neighborhood Grants Program. She stated that only the Valley View Neighborhood grant application was received, which would provide for the annual neighborhood cleanup in the amount of $1,050. She noted great neighborhood participation and a social interaction of residents. Jerelyn stated that the Grant Committee is recommending approval of the application and requesting that the application period remain open for other neighborhood associations grant applications. Commissioner Michalski moved to approve the Valley View Cleanup Day in the amount of $1,050 and to leave the application period open as requested. Commissioner Caldwell seconded. Roll call. All present in favor. Motion passed.

Tenant Paint Program
Aggie noted that Commissioner Shaw had requested staff investigate whether CDBG funds could be used for tenants to paint their apartments (with landlord’s approval). Joleen Patterson, Rehabilitation Supervisor, stated that with the new RRP (Renovating, Remodeling and Painting) rule regarding lead based paint it would be too difficult to control. She also stated that under the CDBG guidelines, we would have to work with the landlord, not the tenant to even consider this. Aggie stated that other cities have had a similar program, but have discontinued them due to the lead paint issues.

Information Sharing
David Harris stated that Commissioner Michalski spoke to the City Council meeting regarding the adoption of the Consolidated Plan and was very persuasive in encouraging the Council to read the Plan and involve the entire City in implementation.

Commissioner Michalski noted that Councilmember Connors stated that the Plan was superb.

Commissioner Michalski questioned why the Washington Neighborhood Association is no longer in existence. Jerelyn stated the Neighborhood Association Board voted to dissolve. There is currently an effort to get another citizen based neighborhood group established.

Commissioner Michalski requested the Commission take a moment of silence to honor former Mayor Tom Tully who passed away recently.
Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Maloy moved to adjourn. Commissioner Caldwell seconded. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

[Kris Neyen's signature]
Kris Neyen
Rehabilitation Specialist

Respectfully submitted by:

[Aggie Tauke's signature]
Aggie Tauke
Community Development Specialist