

Community Development Committee
February 17, 2011
Minutes

Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development – 8:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Ron Mislowsky
Cheryl Connolly
Patrick Rodgers
Les Veach

Staff Present: Carla Taylor
Sherry Richards
Pamela Beamer

Others Present: Martha Shickle
Jim Deskins

1. Chairman Ron Mislowsky called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of the November 18, 2010 minutes. Quorum not available to approve minutes
3. 2011 Annual Action Plan – Martha Shickle

The committee was asked for their views on submission of the following items for public input.

Apply for \$1,372,370 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding pursuant to Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program to fund the following projects to be undertaken over the subsequent 5 years (FY 2012-2016)

- a. Program Administration- Not to exceed 20% of the total allocation for activities including:
 - i. Reporting, monitoring, project management, and general administration and potentially,
 - ii. Other tasks identified by the City for other project development activities
- b. Public Services- Not to exceed 15% of the total allocation for projects to include:
 - i. Homeless prevention assistance operated by the Department of Social Services, OR
 - ii. Other activities identified as a priority need by the City
- c. Revitalization Projects- Not less than 65% of the total allocation for activities including acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, demolition, infrastructure improvements, and related eligible activities to pursue the following projects in priority order:
 - i. Revitalization of the Taylor Hotel
 - ii. Phase II of the Baker Street Revitalization Project

Jim Deskins gave information on how the renovation of the Taylor Hotel would add to the city's revitalization and provide for the citizens of the community.

4. Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP)

Carla Taylor asked the committee to re-confirm the preferences with administrating the program. Sherry Richards advised there were 28 remaining applications on the waiting list. VHDA is in the process of implementing on line application process for when the waiting list opens.

5. Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC) Overview – Martha Shickle

Consolidated Community Development Planning:

Northern Shenandoah Valley governments, community organizations and service providers work together to identify and address regional community development issues in a consolidated process facilitated by NSVRC.

Housing:

The NSVRC administers housing related grants targeting Homelessness, Foreclosures & Affordable Housing

Building Community Infrastructure:

NSVRC assists localities with identification of funding, management and implementation of infrastructure projects

Community Services:

NSVRC assists localities in the development of community enhancing programs, and works to facilitate grant funding for programs identified as regional priorities.

Disability Services:

NSVRC works to integrate awareness and accessibility into the region's programs for Housing and Community Services, and serves as a resource to the community on ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirement

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 A.M. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Development Committee is Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:00 AM in the conference room of the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development.

Respectfully submitted by: Pamela Beamer