

Community Development Committee
March 21, 2013
Minutes
City Council Chambers – 8:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Tim Machado
Skeeter Knee
Les Veach
John Hill
Ron Mislowsky
Carolyn Griffin

Staff Present: Tyler Schenck

Others Present: Mike Butler

1. Chairman Tim Machado called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve January 17, 2013 minutes by Ron Mislowsky, seconded by Skeeter Knee. Minutes were unanimously accepted.
3. Public Hearing for Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan:
 - a. Mike Butler, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity: Mr. Butler began by expressing his experience and commitment to the community by his former position with Council and his current role as the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. He stated that the Taylor Hotel redevelopment is very important to Winchester. However, he feels that our entire Community Development Block Grant allocation being obligated to the Taylor Hotel for the next five years does not help the revitalization of the community. Habitat for Humanity has previously used CDBG funds to revitalize and construct many homes in the City that are currently owner occupied and he wishes that \$50,000 of our yearly CDBG allocation be removed from repayment of the City's HUD Section 108 Loan obligation to homeless assistance and prevention. Mr. Butler stated that Habitat for Humanity is currently engaged in the acquisition of 17 properties and will rehabilitate them into owner occupied homes. This project will take 7-8 years to complete. Eight of these properties are located in targeted rehabilitation areas and would highly benefit from a portion of the City's CDBG allocation.
 - b. Tim Machado asked if we had the capability to reallocate funds. Tyler Schenck stated that if Council wishes to do so, an amendment to the Plans would need to be filed. Ron Mislowsky stated we currently do not know our allocation. Mike Butler replied that he would like to make a formal presentation to the Committee regarding his project upon HUD's notification of the City's allocation.
4. Review and Provisional Approval of Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan: Les Veach motioned to forward the Plans to City Council for their approval pending further public comment, seconded by Ron Mislowsky. Motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

The next scheduled meeting of the Community Development Committee is Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Tyler Schenck