

Community Development Committee
April 17, 2008

Minutes

Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development- 8:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mislowsky and members Connolly, Griffin, Knee, Machado, Shiley, Spence and Toan.

Committee Members Absent: Member Buettner

Staff Present: Shickle, Beamer, Ford, Richards, Tippett, Williams

Others Present: Bruce Downing

1. Chairman Mislowsky called the meeting to order. There was no citizen input.
2. Approval of the Minutes- Mr. Shiley moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2008 meeting. *The motion was seconded by Mr. Toan and unanimously approved by voice vote.*
3. The Committee heard a report from Martha Shickle regarding the status of the 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan. Ms. Shickle asked members of the Committee to give priority to proposed programs in the event funds are cut through the FY 2009 Budget amendment process. *The Committee prioritized funding in the following order: 1. Spot Blight Abatement, 2. Home Repair, and 3. Homeownership Assistance to City Employees.*
4. Ms. Shickle provided information to members of the committee regarding the Section 108 Loan Program. This is an opportunity for localities to borrow against future CDBG funding allocations to undertake larger projects at a time. *The Committee will continue to consider this opportunity in determining viable projects through the CDBG Program.*
5. Ms. Shickle provided information on the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program for Rental Assistance. OHND Staff is in the process of collecting applicant characteristics that will assist in determining demand for implementation of additional preferences for management of the Waiting List for HCVP Rental Assistance. *The Committee will review applicant characteristics at the May meeting and continue discussion of potential preferences for the Waiting List.*
6. Committee members discussed progress on South Kent Street in light of recent transfer of ownership from the Rose Memorial Foundation to private purchasers. Mr. Williams provided some information on the City's role in the ongoing protest of demolition of structures on South Kent Street. *The Committee asked that Mr. Williams be extended the opportunity to provide more information on this process at the May meeting.*

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM. *The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Development Committee is Thursday May 15, 2008 at 8:00 AM in the conference room of the Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development.*

Respectfully submitted by: Pamela Beamer