

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
CITY OF GLENDALE
PUBLIC MEETING
City Municipal Complex
Council Chambers
5850 W. Glendale Avenue
Glendale, AZ**

**Monday, January 11, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Flippen, Chair
Susan Jernigan, Vice-Chair
Yolanda Hernandez
Rebecca Ontiveros
Mary Jean Eggleston
Madelin Page
Glenn O'Bannon
Pattie Johnston
Karen Mankoski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Wixon

STAFF PRESENT: Erik Strunk, Community Partnerships Director
Gilbert Lopez, Community Revitalization Administrator
Brian Lotto, Revitalization Coordinator

I. Call to Order

Chair Flippen called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. Business From the Floor/Public Comment

None.

III. Public Comment

Mr. Lopez explained that staff is formulating the FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan which is an action plan to guide how federal funds are spent in the City of Glendale. Mr. Lopez stated that, along with this evening, there will be other opportunities for public comment.

Chair Flippen opened the floor for public comment on the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

No comments were made.

IV. Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funding Requests

Mr. Lopez distributed documentation that was provided to staff based on Committee requests from the agency presentations.

Mr. Lopez thanked that Committee members for their time during the public hearings and acknowledged that the decisions this evening would be challenging due to the amount of worthy requests compared to the limited funding available. Mr. Lopez announced that \$330,154 was available with \$639,874 in requests for CDBG Public Services funding.

HOMELESS

1-1 Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) – Men’s Outreach Center - \$15,000 request

Committee member Page felt this was a very necessary service, especially since the homeless population continues to increase and that the users of the shelter are in very desperate situations.

Committee member Ontiveros agreed that this was very important as she has had experience in this area.

Chair Flippen noted that homelessness was on the list of Council priorities.

Committee member Eggleston expressed concern about the overflow situation.

Committee member O’Bannon inquired as to the veracity of the shelter’s figures regarding the Glendale population. Mr. Lopez explained that CASS does ask those using the shelter to show an ID or utility bill to obtain the last known address. Mr. Lopez added that CASS does use HUD approved formulas for the numbers in their reports.

Chair Flippen inquired about other funding sources for CASS. Mr. Strunk replied that CASS is funded this fiscal year with \$103,277 from the Glendale General Fund, however, there is pressure to reduce this figure for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Mr. Strunk explained that over the past two years, two other outside agencies have lost General Funds: Quality of Life, Human Services and Los Vecinos/CSA, due to larger economic revenue issues that have challenged the City.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund CASS Men’s Outreach Center for \$10,000. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. Motion carried 8 - 1.

1-2 Homeward Bound – Utilities & Maintenance Assistance - \$15,000 request

Committee member Page expressed concern that this request was only helping a small amount of people. Committee member Mankoski agreed and commented that these funds might be better leveraged through another grant request.

Committee member Page motioned not to fund Homeward Bound – Utilities & Maintenance Assistance. Committee member Mankoski made the second. Motion passed 8 - 1.

(The Committee agreed unanimously to set a minimum funding level of \$10,000 due to grant administration and reporting costs for both staff and the agencies.)

1-3 Society of St. Vincent DePaul OLPH – Keeping Families Together - \$45,000 request

Committee member Ontiveros noted that this agency serves only Glendale residents.

Committee member Page commented that the agency did not provide information regarding family income level as she requested after their presentation.

Chair Flippen commented that the assistance with rent and utilities does help to prevent homelessness. Chair Flippen praised the agency for its 100% volunteer force and the OLPH Church support so that 100% of its donations go directly to client assistance.

Committee member Page wondered if the agency applied for any other government grants. Mr. Lopez replied that they had not at this time and added that the grant application process can be very complex and with the use of a volunteer force to administer the program, this might not be feasible. Committee member Mankoski noted that the agency does a good job of fundraising through parish donations and diocese support.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund St. Vincent DePaul OLPH - Keeping Families Together for \$25,000. Committee member O'Bannon made the second. Motion carried 8 - 1.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1-4 A New Leaf - Faith House Emergency Shelter - \$31,150 request

Committee member Johnston commented that, based on her calculations, only 10 residents would be served by this funding request, not 20 as stated in the grant request.

Committee member Jernigan noted that Faith House has done an excellent job for many years and is located directly in Glendale. Committee member Jernigan felt that good childcare was a very important aspect of the operations at Faith House.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund A New Leaf - Faith House Emergency Shelter for \$20,800. Committee member Page made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-5 Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence – Victim Services - \$10,250 request

Committee member O'Bannon expressed opposition to the request.

Committee member Mankoski commented that although Chrysalis' client numbers reflect that 10% are Glendale residents, the agency was not even requesting 10% of its budget from Glendale.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence – Victim Services for \$10,250. Committee member Mankoski made the second. Motion carried 8 - 1.

1-6 Community Information & Referral - CONTACTS Shelter Hotline - \$10,000 request

Committee member Page stated that it was very important for people in dire situations to have one phone number to call for shelter.

Committee member Page motioned to fund Community Information & Referral - CONTACTS Shelter Hotline for \$10,000. Committee member Mankoski made the second. Motion carried 8 – 0 with 1 abstain.

1-7 Glendale Police Department – Domestic Violence Community Education and Outreach Pilot Program - \$150,000 request

Committee member Jernigan praised the program for its intent; however, felt that this was a huge expense at this time for this type of program.

Committee member Mankoski commented that this program appeared to be a duplication of services offered by other agencies and suggested that the Police Department partner with these other agencies on prevention.

Committee member O'Bannon expressed concern over the lack of research on the efficacy of this type of program, especially for the cost of the program.

Committee member Jernigan motioned not to fund Glendale Police Department – Domestic Violence Community Education and Outreach Pilot Program. Committee member Eggleston made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-8 West Valley Child Crisis Center – Foster/Adoption Program - \$25,000 request

Committee member Jernigan expressed her sadness that the organization no longer exists as it once it did and that it is doesn't even have a home. She further expressed her concern that the agency is currently unstable and is not supportive of its funding request.

Committee member Jernigan motioned not to fund West Valley Child Crisis Center - Foster/Adoption Program. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

SENIORS

1-9 Duet – Partners in Aging (formerly Beatitudes Center DOAR) – Independence for Seniors Through In-Home Services & Transportation - \$12,000 request

Committee member Page commented that Duet does a good job of recruiting, training and maintaining a large base of volunteers. Committee member Page felt that this type of service helps many seniors who are not eligible for other services and helps keep these seniors in their own homes.

Committee member Page motioned to fund Partners in Aging (formerly Beatitudes Center DOAR) – Independence for Seniors Through In-Home Services & Transportation for \$12,000. Committee member O'Bannon made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-10 St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – Glendale Food Home Delivery - \$29,959 request

Committee member Page noted that this service would fall under the Council's priorities as a basic necessity.

Committee member Jernigan confirmed that the request was for 85% of a driver's salary.

Chair Flippen stated that this agency is on the front line of providing food and felt strongly in support of the request.

Chair Flippen motioned to fund St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – Glendale Food Home Delivery for \$25,000. Committee member Mankoski made the second. The motion passed 9 - 0.

1-11 YWCA of Maricopa County - Congregate Meals Program - \$70,000 request

Committee member O'Bannon was in support of the program, however, felt at this time, there was not enough funds to support at the 100% level.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund YWCA of Maricopa County - Congregate Meals Program \$35,000. Committee member Johnston made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

YOUTH

1-12 A New Leaf - Juvenile Alternatives in Glendale (JAG) - \$25,000 request

Committee members Page and O'Bannon indicated that the Committee should consider lowering the amount requested to \$10,000.

Committee member Johnston motioned to fund A New Leaf - Juvenile Alternatives in Glendale (JAG) for \$10,000. Committee member Jernigan made the second. Motion passed 8 - 1.

1-13 Back to School Clothing Drive Association – Back to School Clothing Drive - \$15,750 request

Committee member Mankoski felt that this program was fundamental in boosting self esteem for the kids in the program and would help them do better and have a positive outlook on school.

Committee member Page did not feel the program fit in with funding the basic necessities at this time and commented that the schools could provide uniforms to children who could not obtain them otherwise.

Committee member O'Bannon commented that the agency had many great partnerships and that the less fortunate really need these types of supplies. Although they do not seem like basic necessities, clothing, backpacks and supplies impact a child's school experience. Committee member Ontiveros agreed.

Chair Flippen added that this type of service can really take pressure off of low income parents.

Committee member Mankoski motioned to fund Back to School Clothing Drive Association – Back to School Clothing Drive for \$10,000. Committee member Eggleston. Motion carried 8 - 1.

1-14 Big Brothers Big Sisters – CDBG/Glendale Community-Based Mentoring Program - \$15,590 request

Committee member Page did not feel the request was a basic necessity at this time, but did at that this was a wonderful organization.

Committee member Eggleston noticed that the agency was requesting 20% of a salary, however only 5% of the programs clients come from Glendale.

Committee member Mankoski commented that the program was very good, however, due to limited funding and that this was not a basic necessity could not support the request at this time.

Committee member Mankoski motioned not to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters – CDBG/Glendale Community-Based Mentoring Program. Committee member Page made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-15 Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix – Swift Kids Branch - \$15,000 request

Chair Flippen felt that it was important for working families to know that their children were in a safe place after school. Chair Flippen added that some parents might not be able to work after school if this option were not available for their children. Therefore, this can help prevent homelessness and also help with basic necessities as a parent can make an income for their family.

Committee member Mankoski added that this was a true prevention program as it keeps children off of the streets and out of trouble.

Committee member Mankoski motioned to fund the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix – Swift Kids Branch for \$10,000. Committee member Jernigan made the second. Motion passed 9 - 0.

1-16 Glendale Union High School District – Glendale High School Health Care Clinic - \$12,675 request

Committee member Page was impressed with the program and noted that the funds would be 100% used by Glendale residents.

Committee member Jernigan felt that the access of on-site healthcare was a bonus to these children.

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund the Glendale Union High School District/Glendale High School Health Care Clinic for \$12,675. Committee member Page made the second. Motion passed 9 - 0.

DISABLED

1-17 Advocates for the Disabled (AFD) – Case Management & Assistance for Disabled Glendale Residents - \$10,000 request

Committee members Page and Jernigan both expressed concern about duplication of services within the agency.

Committee member Jernigan motioned not to fund Advocates for the Disabled (AFD) – Case Management & Assistance for Disabled Glendale Residents. Committee member Page made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-18 Catholic Community Services dba Valley Center of the Deaf – Services for the Deaf Blind - \$20,000 request

Committee member Mankoski felt the service provided was important, however, felt that the amount requested was large considering the number of Glendale residents serviced.

Committee member O'Bannon agreed that a limited number of people were served, but felt that it was a necessity for that population.

Committee member Jernigan stated that the agency performed a very good service and noted that licensed providers are used for the service. Committee member Jernigan added that the agency does receive funding from other municipalities and private donors.

Committee member O'Bannon motioned to fund Catholic Community Services dba Valley Center of the Deaf – Services for the Deaf Blind for \$10,000. Committee member Jernigan made the second. Motion passed 8 - 1.

1-19 Civitan Foundation – “Our Night Out” Program \$12,000 request

Committee member O'Bannon commented that this program was not meeting a basic necessity such as food, clothing or shelter. Committee member Johnston agreed as did Chair Flippen.

Committee member Johnston motioned not to fund Civitan Foundation – “Our Night Out” Program. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. Motion passed 9 - 0.

1-20 Foundation for Blind Children – Infant Program-Parent Education - \$10,000 request

Committee member O'Bannon felt that this was a very important program. Committee member Mankoski agreed, however, commented that state funds are available for early intervention programs in the home and did not see the need for training at the center.

Committee member Mankoski motioned not to fund Foundation for Blind Children – Infant Program-Parent Education. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. Motion carried 8 - 1.

1-21 Foundation for Senior Living – Restorative Therapy Program for Glendale ADHC Young Adults, Disabled Adults and Seniors - \$25,750 request

Committee member Jernigan felt the agency provided a good service, but expressed concern regarding the agency's auditing process.

Chair Flippen did not feel that this program met a critical need or filled a basic necessity of life and could not lend support to the request at this time.

Committee member Jernigan motioned not to fund Foundation for Senior Living – Restorative Therapy Program for Glendale ADHC Young Adults, Disabled Adults and Seniors. Committee member Ontiveros made the second. Motion passed 8 – 1.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

1-22 Community Information & Referral – 2-1-1 Arizona - \$22,000 request

Committee member Jernigan motioned to fund Community Information & Referral - 2-1-1 Arizona for \$22,000. Committee member Mankoski made the second. Motion carried 8 – 1.

1-23 Community Legal Services, Inc. – Removing Barriers to Access to Justice for Low-Income Glendale Residents - \$30,000 request

Committee member Jernigan could not support this request for the full amount as it was not a basic necessity.

Committee member O'Bannon felt that this was a very important service, especially since many low-income people do not have any legal or access to representation which can affect many areas of their lives and even prevent homelessness or domestic violence.

Committee member O'Bannon motioned to fund Community Legal Services, Inc. – Removing Barriers to Access to Justice for Low-Income Glendale Residents for \$22,000. Committee member Jernigan made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

1-24 Upward Foundation – Family Enrichment Program - \$15,000 request

Committee member Jernigan commented that the curriculum proposed was quite expensive.

Committee member Page stated that there are many classes available at the public library, senior centers, churches and through the city addressing financial literacy, parenting and or computer classes. Committee member Page felt that there were many other resources for this type of information and many were free of charge.

Committee member Page motioned not to fund Upward Foundation – Family Enrichment Program. Committee member O’Bannon made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

FUNDING STATUS

Due to a balance of \$55,429 left to be allocated, Chair Flippen asked the Committee for recommendations on revisions to funding.

Committee member Ontiveros suggested first reviewing allocations to the agencies that focus solely on Glendale residents.

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Committee member Mankoski motioned to increase the funding to YWCA of Maricopa County - Congregate Meals Program from \$35,000 to \$45,000. Committee member Jernigan made the second. Motion carried 9 - 0.

Mr. Lopez announced that there was \$30,470 still to be allocated.

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IV. Director/Staff Report

Mr. Strunk thanked the Committee for their dedication and commitment during the public hearings and review process. He also commented that this is a very tough decision-making meeting due to the number of commendable programs, but limited funding available. Mr. Strunk stated that staff will notify all of the agencies of the funding recommendations and will thank the agencies for applying for funding. Mr. Strunk stated that the recommendations are subject to a 30-day public comment period and will then be forwarded to Mayor and Council for review and vote.

Mr. Strunk announced that the Committee would be back in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 for the presentations by the agencies that are requesting CDBG Physical Improvement funding, HOME funding and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding.

V. Adjournment

Chair Flippen thanked the Committee members for their time and participation in the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary
Denise Kazmierczak

Reviewed and Submitted By:

Beth Coughenour CPS/CAP
Senior Secretary