



City of New Smyrna Beach

November 17, 2011

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Babe James Community Center, 201 North Myrtle Avenue, NSB, Florida. Joseph Darrisaw, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members answered to roll call: Joseph Darrisaw, Melvin Brown, Jacqueline D. Wadley and Jacquelyn Morgan. Gwendolyn Rainge and Mildred White were absent.

Also present: Donna Banks, Gail Henrikson, Thea Philord and Yvonne Jefferson

Approval of Minutes

November 17, 2011 – motion made by Melvin Brown to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline Wadley. Approved 4-0

Old Business

C. Presentation on Status of Track Program – The Track Program's status remained the same. No practices had taken place and numerous phone calls to Mr. Morris who was running the Track program had not been returned. The Track Program is important to the community. There was some discussion as to whether the money could be reallocated to uniforms or registration fees. Gail Henrikson explained to the committee that uniforms and registration fees could not be covered under CDBG. Ms. Henrikson explained that the Police Athletic League (PAL) was prepared to take over the track program if the committee would consider the reallocation of funds to PAL so that the program could continue. Gail also told the committee that City Staff will be recommending giving the funds to PAL at the next City Council meeting in December. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to reallocate the funds to capital projects. That motion was moved and seconded. Reallocation: \$5,000.00

New Business

B. Update on Status of KC Society Teen Stipend Program. It was recommended by City Staff to reallocate the funding from the KC Society Teen Stipend Program because of a finding letter from the County of Volusia. There was a lengthy discussion about the

confidence of the program and how there were some concerns about how KC Society ran other programs not specifically the Teen Stipend Program. There was concern about prompt reporting and expenditures and completing paperwork. Ms. Purkiss, Director of KC Society was given the opportunity to speak to address the findings by the County and the other allegations about KC Society. After addressing the board a motion was made to not reallocate the funds, but to have strict monitoring of the program and its record keeping in order to keep the program running for the youth. That motion was voted on and the motion failed 2/2. The City Staff's recommendation to the City Council will be to reallocate the funding at the next scheduled meeting. Reallocation: \$9,307

C. Senior Stipend Program. Ms. Fannie Hudson the Director of Parish Nurse Ministries and Coordinator of the Senior Stipend Program, worked diligently to get volunteers for this program, but was unsuccessful. Ms. Hudson and the board of Parish Nurse Ministries decided to give the funds back to the CDBG funding for reallocation. The board of Parish Nurse Ministries did not want to hold on to funding that might not be able to be utilized in the time frame permitted by the grant. Reallocation: \$20,000

D. Funding Reallocation

1. The committee had discussions about several other projects that could be completed with the reallocated funds from a list provided by Mr. Melvin Brown. Each proposed project was discussed. At the end of the lengthy discussion one project was placed forward for consideration: (a) Dug-outs at Pettis Park (from Mr. Brown's list). Remaining funds from reallocation: \$23,307.00

2. Restrooms at Mary Avenue Tot Lot, are located within the CRA and hopefully the CRA will have funds to replace the restrooms. Estimated cost: \$82,000.00. CDBG currently does not have funding for this project.

3. Property Adjacent to Babe James – the City of NSB is negotiating with the owner about price for the property. There may also be some tax or ownership problems with the property. More due diligence needs to be done on the property before any consideration of purchase can be made.

4. Funds from the Boxing Program will be placed back into capital projects. \$5,000.00.

After a lengthy discussion the committee agreed on the following for reallocation of funds:

From:

\$5,000.00	From PAL back into capital projects if the City Commission does not vote to give PAL, the money
\$5,000.00	From Boxing Program back into capital projects
\$20,000.00	From Senior Stipend Program back into capital projects
<u>\$9,307.00</u>	From KC Society Teen Stipend Program back into capital projects
\$39,307.00	

To:

\$7,000.00	Pettis Park Walkway
\$9,000.00	Sign for Babe James
<u>\$23,307.00</u>	Dug Outs at Pettis Park
\$39,307.00	

A motion was made to accept the above reallocation of funds. The motion was moved and seconded.

Next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2012.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, that motion was moved and seconded. Meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Banks

Applications for 2012/2013 funding will be presented to the committee on January 19, 2012 and voted on in February 2012.