

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2011

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Richard Grady, Chairman
Shirley Aguilar, Vice-Chair
Ira S. Barash
Jean Dormier
Andrew T. Pham
Philip F. Pollacia
Alfonso Valente

COMMISSIONER ABSENT

Mary Jane Ketcham

STAFF PRESENT

Christina Day, Community Services Manager
Grisenia Matos, Community Services Supervisor
Terrie Monroe, Sr. Community Development Coordinator
Shanette Brown, Sr. Community Development Coordinator
Renette Lee, Community Services Coordinator
Jon Hubach, Planner
Karen Suiter, Technical Administrative Assistant

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grady at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Grady led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2010 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Barash made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Pollacia seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: DISCUSSION OF AUDIT RESULTS PERFORMED ON 2009 BUFFINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDS

Chairman Grady opened the item, and the Commissioners received final audit results on Hope's Door which were explained by Christina Day, Community Services Manager. Preliminary audit results for LaunchAbility were also discussed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDS

Chairman Grady introduced Christina Day, Community Services Manager, who presented a brief review of the activity eligibility rules for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Robert W. Buffington Community Services Grant Funds under consideration. Ms. Day also gave a brief discussion on the financial challenges, urgent needs, and application challenges of the 2011 process. Staff provided recommendations to the Commission on funding.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2011-12 GRANT YEAR

Chairman Grady opened the item and suggested that the Commission begin with Permanent Housing and Site Improvement/Equipment Acquisition grants, followed by Program Support grants. For each applicant, each Commissioner would suggest an amount and make comments. Once a consensus was reached, the next applicant was discussed. The Commission agreed to this process.

During the discussions, there were two breaks taken. At 7:07 p.m., Chairman Grady called for an eight minute break. The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m. At 8:29 p.m., Chairman Grady called for another eight minute break. The meeting resumed again at 8:37 p.m.

After much discussion, the Commission agreed on the following recommendations:

2011 Applicant	CDBG	HOME	BCSG	TOTAL 2011 Funding
Assistance Center of Collin County	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
Samaritan Inn	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
City of Plano - Homelessness Prevention	\$43,755	\$0	\$0	\$43,755
Plano Community Charity	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
City of Plano - Helping Partners Referral Service	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
City House, Inc. - My Friend's House	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
City House, Inc. - T. R. I. P. S.	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000
Hope's Door	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
Jewish Family Service of Dallas	\$14,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,000
LaunchAbility	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
Christ United Methodist Church	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Plano Housing Corporation	\$20,261	\$138,707	\$0	\$158,968
LifePath Systems - Cross Bend Site	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LifePath Systems - computer acquisition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LifePath Systems - Mullins Site	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LifePath Systems - Alma Center Site - HVAC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LifePath Systems - Alma Center Site - Copier	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
City of Plano - Housing Rehabilitation	\$795,000	\$0	\$0	\$795,000

City of Plano - First Time Homebuyer Assistance	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$150,000
City of Plano - Grant Administration	\$215,685	\$40,000	\$0	\$255,685
Plano Children's Medical Clinic	\$0	\$0	\$31,000	\$31,000
Health Services of North Texas	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Collin County Adult Clinic	\$0	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000
Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness - Gatekeepers	\$23,000	\$0	\$0	\$23,000
Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness - PHC	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
Community Dental Care	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$17,000
Journey of Hope	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Assistance League of Greater Collin County	\$0	\$0	\$13,000	\$13,000
Family Outreach	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
CASA of Collin County	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$22,000
Communities in Schools Dallas Region	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,000
Plano ISD Education Foundation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Junior League of Plano	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Vice-Chair Valente made a motion to recommend these funding amounts to City Council. Commissioner Dormier seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The Commission agreed to discuss equipment acquisition on a future agenda as a result of this evening's discussions.

Commissioner Pollacia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barash seconded the motion, which passed 7-0. Chairman Grady adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Community Relations Commissioner