

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Commissioners Present

Bob Masengill, Chairman
Betty Monday-Mahan, Vice Chair
Richard Shlakman
Susan Lavigne
Jene Brogan
Pamela Harvey
Sharon Marsh-Wyly
T. J. Johnson

Staff Present

Christina Day, Neighborhood Services Manager
Jerry Bradley, Jr., Community Development Coordinator
Stacy Brown, Sr. Community Development Coordinator
Terrie Monroe, Sr. Community Development Coordinator

The Community Relations Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Masengill at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2007, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR CDBG, HOME GRANT, AND ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDS

Christina Day, Neighborhood Services Manager, reviewed the following with the Community Relations Commission:

- Five Goals of the Consolidated Plan
- CDBG eligible activities and rules
- Robert W. Buffington Community Service Grant purpose and restrictions
- Grant Worksheet

Chairman Masengill informed the Commission that the Buffington Community Service Grant requests were 56% more than the amount of funds allocated by City Council to be distributed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME GRANT, AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE, AND ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT FUNDS.

The Commission decided to discuss CDBG and HOME funded programs this evening. They would consider BCSG funds at the next meeting. Discussion was held concerning the funding of Christ United Methodist Church for the House on the Corner project. Commissioner Brogan made a motion to allocate \$43,000.00 of CDBG non-public service funds to the organization with the stipulation that the funds not be used to move the house or for landscaping. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 6-2.

Next there was discussion concerning the City of Plano Grant Administration funding for CDBG and HOME. Commissioner Brogan made a motion to allocate \$75,000.00 of CDBG non-public service and \$25,000.00 of the HOME grant. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

The funding of the Homeless Prevention project was discussed. The City has a vendor for this program, The Samaritan Inn. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to allocate \$18,000.00 of CDBG public service funds to the Homeless Prevention Program. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

Discussion was held concerning funding the First Time Homebuyer Program. Commissioner Brogan made a motion to allocate \$90,000.00 of CDBG non-public service funds and \$10,000.00 from ADDI funds to the First Time Homebuyer Program. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 7-1.

Discussion was held concerning the funding of the Housing Rehabilitation program. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$700,000.00 of CDBG non-public service funds and \$200,000.00 of HOME funds to the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

The funding for the City of Plano Transportation program was discussed. The vendor for this program is the Assistance Center of Collin County. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$750.00 of CDBG public service funds to this program. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

Discussion was held concerning funding Communities in Schools. Vice Chair Monday-Mahan made a motion to delay the discussion until later in the evening. Commissioner Marsh-Wyly agreed and the remaining Commissioners consented.

Commissioner Marsh-Wyly recused herself from the deliberations concerning LifePath Systems and Habitat for Humanity and left the room.

Commissioner Brogan made the motion to allocate \$29,000.00 of CDBG public service funds to LifePath Systems. Commissioner Shlakman seconded the motion, which passed 6-1.

Discussion was held concerning the funding of Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$170,000.00 of CDBG non-public service funds to Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Brogan seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Commissioner Marsh-Wyly resumed her seat.

Discussion was held concerning the funding of Plano Community Home. A motion was made by Commissioner Shlakman to allocate \$0 for the security camera project. Commissioner Marsh-Wyly seconded the motion, which passed 6-2. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$0 for the office space rehabilitation. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 6-2.

The funding of Plano Housing Authority was discussed. Commissioner Brogan made a motion to allocate \$16,000.00 of CDBG public service funds to the Plano Housing Authority. Commissioner Marsh-Wyly seconded the motion, which passed 6-2.

Discussion was held concerning the funding of Plano Housing Corporation. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$184,657 to the organization. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which passed 7-1.

The funding of Crossroads Family Services was discussed. Pam Harvey made a motion to allocate \$30,000.00 to the organization. Dick Shlakman seconded the motion and the motion carried seven members for and one member opposed.

Discussion was held concerning the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$21,924.00 to the organization with the stipulation that the funds not be used for furnishings. Commissioner Brogan seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

Discussion was held concerning AIDS Services of North Texas. Commissioner Lavigne made the motion to allocate \$60,000 to the organization. Commissioner Marsh-Wyly seconded the motion, which passed 7-1.

Discussion was held concerning Communities in Schools Dallas Region. Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$40,811.00 to the organization. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$100,000.00 of CDBG non-public service funds and \$25,000.00 of HOME funds to the City of Plano Grant Administration, allocate \$846,753.00 of CDBG non-public service funds and \$200,000.00 of HOME funds to the City of Plano Housing Rehabilitation Program, and allocate \$110,000.00 of HOME/ADDI funds to the City of Plano Homeownership Assistance program. Vice Chair Monday-Mahan seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

Commissioner Marsh-Wyly recused herself from discussion for Habitat for Humanity.

Commissioner Shlakman made a motion to allocate \$180,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity. Commissioner Lavigne seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Commissioner Marsh-Wyly resumed her seat.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

An alternative meeting date was requested for Saturday, February 24, 2007, if needed.

It was requested that a member of the Community Relations Commission be elected to serve on the Transition and Revitalization Commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Marsh-Wyly seconded the motion, which passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Robert Masengill, Chairman