

Columbus Consolidated Government
Summary of the
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
September 12, 2024

A hybrid meeting in person and via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on September 12, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Adrian Wade, Julio Portillo, Charlotte Ingram, Tracey Belt, Tollie Strode, Tamika McKenzie, and Brandy Tolbert.

Members Absent: Mike Welch, Armando Fernandez, Evan Collins, and Michael Ernst

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 10:20 am. With five CDAC members being present the CDAC board was unable to conduct official business due to lack of quorum. Two members joined midway through the meeting, however we still didn't meet quorum due to two members needing to leave around the same time due to other commitments.

CDAC approved the meeting minutes from June 13, 2024, via email due to a lack of quorum in the meeting.

DISCUSSION

1. Director's Report

a. Welcome

Tracey Belt, Board Vice Chair, went over the minutes and the agenda for the meeting. Emma Kimbrel, Board Secretary, shared what she learned at the Board Secretaries meeting that Clerk of Council had.

Tollie Strode, Board Member, asked if the new information Emma learned could be included in the amendment of the Bylaws.

Emma said she would do that and send it out to the board members.

b. HUD Entitlement Funding

i. Nominating a Board Chair

CDAC was unable to nominate and vote on a Board Chair due to a lack of quorum.

ii. CDAC Bylaws

CDAC discussed the bylaws and the edits to be made. A vote to approve the bylaw edits was held over email, due to a lack of quorum, and passed unanimously.

iii. Emergency Solutions Grant

Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director, began to speak about the new source of funding the department has received. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is funding that helps those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Since Community Reinvestment has not received this funding in some time, the Department had to amend their five-year Consolidated Plan and their Citizen Participation Plan in order to include the funding in the FY2025 Annual Action Plan. Rob shared the amount of funding the Department received in ESG, which is \$145,932. Rob went on to tell CDAC what the funding could be used for and who qualifies for funding. Rob explained that the amount of funding isn't enough to meet the needs of Columbus, but that Community Reinvestment is going to do their best with the funding they have. Community Reinvestment is still in the early stages of building the ESG program.

Tollie Strobe, board member, asked about the role of DFACs with ESG. Rob explained their role and that they are state funded. They could be potential partners, but it isn't likely.

Tollie speaks about how in order to receive the funding organizations must be able to follow the federal guidelines.
Rob confirms.

Charlotte Ingram, board member, talked about individuals who are couch surfing if they qualify for prevention.
Rob explained that a person couch surfing would be considered literally homeless and not qualify for prevention.
Charlotte is concerned that the amount of money we have will not be enough to solve the issue in the community.
Rob confirms that it isn't.

Tollie asks if a letter to City Council could possibly get us more funding that is unrestricted so it could serve more people.
Rob said it could possibly.
The Board said they'd be interested in penning a letter to City Council.

2. Open Floor Discussion

- a. Emma shared she would send out the ESG information, the minutes from the last meeting, and the updated amended CDAC Bylaws. A virtual vote can be conducted, but Emma must receive seven responses before she can move forward with finalizing the minutes from June and the amended CDAC Bylaws.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting is December 12, 2024, at 10:00 am in person at the Annex located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:27AM.