

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Summary of the  
Community Development Advisory Council  
(CDAC)  
March 14, 2024**

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on March 14, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Members Present: Virginia Dickerson, Charlotte Ingram, Mike Welch, Adrian Wade, and Julio Portillo

Members Absent: Tamika McKenzie, Tollie Strode, Armando Fernandez, Tracey Belt, Evan Collins, and Michael Ernst

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Michael Baker, Emma Kimbrel, Kawana Hooks, Altemese Wilson and Kimberly Mitchell

**ORDER OF MEETING**

The meeting began at 11:05 am. With five CDAC members being present the CDAC board was unable to conduct official business due to lack of quorum.

**DISCUSSION**

**1. Director's Report**

**a. Welcome**

Robert Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment, welcomed CDAC to a new year and introduced his staff. CDAC members then introduced themselves. Rob then gave a background on the department.

**b. NOFA Launch**

Rob gave an overview of Community Reinvestment's funding process. Applications open in January. Twelve applications were received requesting over \$650,000. Rob shared that the CDBG-Public Service cap is approximately \$245,000.

**c. Public Meeting**

A public meeting about the Annual Action Plan will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. Rob encouraged CDAC to join and to inform the community about the public meeting.

**d. National Community Development Week/CDBG Month**

Rob shared information about National Community Development Week (NCDW), which is happening from April 1st to 5th. Community Reinvestment will be receiving two proclamations from City Council: one recognizing NCDW and one recognizing April as CDBG Month. Rob shared the presentation that would be given at City Council, which encompasses the work the Department is doing within Columbus.

**e. CRD-CDAC Relationship**

Rob discussed the history of CDAC and how future business needs to change. He suggested a future workshop where the board would come together to review the bylaws and discuss the responsibilities of the board. Rob shared his vision of what he would like CDAC to look like in the future, which includes more community engagement from the board members and their communities.

**2. Open Floor Discussion**

- a. Mike Welch, board member, asked if there was any more funding from the Small Business Grant. Rob responded no and explained that it had all been expended.
- b. Mike asked who applied for the Public Service Grant. Rob went through the list of non-profits that applied. Charlotte Ingram, board member, asked if the list could be sent out. Emma Kimbrel, Community Reinvestment Planner, said she would send the list to the board after the meeting.
- c. Adrian Wade, board member, asked about the lack of attendance. Rob responded with reasons why there is low attendance.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next CDAC meeting is June 13, 2024, at 11:00 am on

**Teams. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.