

Columbus Consolidated Government

Summary of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)

January 9, 2025

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

Members Present:

Brandy Tolbert, Denise Cambridge, James Jordan, Anthony Montgomery, Mike Welch, and Adrian Wade

Members Absent:

Tracy Belt, Charlotte Ingram, Tollie Strode Jr., and Julito Portillo

Also Present:

Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

Order of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM. With only six CDAC members present, the board did not meet the quorum requirement to conduct official business.

Discussion

Since there was no quorum, the approval of the December 12, 2024, meeting minutes was postponed.

Director's Report

HUD Entitlement Funding

Annual Action Plan

Emma Kimbrel, Planner for Community Reinvestment, informed the board that the department is beginning the **Annual Action Plan (AAP)** process. The first public meeting for the plan was scheduled for later that evening, and all CDAC members were encouraged to attend.

Scoring Public Service Applications

As part of the AAP process, applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding have been opened. Nonprofits in Muscogee County have the opportunity to apply for funding, with the application period lasting one month.

Emma asked if the board would be interested in assisting with scoring the applications once the submission period closes. The board expressed interest, so Emma will send an email with detailed instructions and a scoring guide for evaluating applications in Neighborly.

Open Floor Discussion

Denise Cambridge, Board Chair, requested that Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment, provide an update on the Former Georgia State Farmers Market.

Rob explained the history of the Farmers Market site and outlined activities that have taken place on the property, including:

Brownfield clean-up efforts

Demolition funded by CDBG grants

The goal for the property is to ensure a public benefit. Rob discussed why this requirement exists, citing state and federal funding regulations. Due to the federal funding sources and the security deed from the State of Georgia, there are specific limitations on how the property can be used. Post-demolition, the site must continue to serve a qualifying national objective under CDBG guidelines.

Next Meeting

The next CDAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM in person at the Annex, located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.