

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2022**

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on March 17, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

Members Present: Danny Arencibia, Rev. Joseph Baker, Chris Poirier, Tracy Belt, Tamika McKenzie, Virginia Dickerson, Mary Garcia, John Partin, and Evan Collins (observer)

Members Absent: Christy Lemieux, Johnson Trawick, Barbara Chambers, Ben Link, and Sendreka Lakes

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Robert Scott, Michael Baker, Amber Staples, Kawana Hooks, and Emma Kimbrel

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 11:17 am. With eight CDAC members being present, the CDAC board was able to conduct official business.

- CDAC approved meeting minutes from December 9, 2021. The vote moved to motion by John Partin and second by Virginia Dickerson.

DISCUSSION

1. Vote for CDAC Chair & Vice Chair

Reverend Baker, Board Chair, advised to vote for members who were not nearing the end of their term. Emma Kimbrel, Community Reinvestment Coordinator, shared with the board the members who were not at the end of their second term. Reverend Baker opened the floor for nominations. Danny Arencibia nominated Chris Poirier to be the new chair. Reverend Baker asked for a motion to close the nominations. The vote to close was motioned by Mary Garcia and second by Virginia Dickerson. Chris Poirier was named Board Chair. Tracy Belt nominated herself for Vice Chair. Virginia Dickerson moved to close the nomination and Chris Poirier second. Tracy Belt was named Vice Chair.

2. FY21 CDBG & HOME Grant CAPER Update

Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director, shared the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Rob explained the Community Reinvestment Department is required to submit the CAPER to assess how the department administers funds each year.

Amber Staples, Community Reinvestment Planner, shared the CAPER accomplishments for City FY2021. Rob emphasized that the department could not accomplish these goals without our partners.

Casey Baker, Community Reinvestment Finance Manager, gave a financial update about the grants for FY2021 and about unexpended funds from FY2017-2019. The City of Columbus made available a little over \$7 million in resources. The City has spent a total of \$3 million in grant funds for CDBG, CDBG-CV, CDBG-CV3, and HOME. The City expended about 46.9% of its grant funds at the end of FY2021. Casey shared a few organizations who have benefited from these funds. There is still a little over \$3.7 million in grant funds available that are being used for CDBG-CV3 and HOME projects still in progress. Rob expanded a bit more about CDBG and HOME funding and the projects that correlate with the funding that was spent.

3. FY23 CDBG & HOME Grant Implementation

Rob updated the board on the CDBG and HOME Grants. Robert shared that the grants are currently active for both CDBG and HOME. The applications close on March 31st, 2022. The applications are what the Community Reinvestment Department use to recommend funding to City Council for their Annual Action Plans. CDAC plays a role in helping decide which organizations should receive funding by scoring the applications. Rob and the CDAC board planned which day to have training on how to score the grant applications.

Rob updated that the FY23 federal budget has not been passed and is unsure when the amount will be known. A more conservative number based off the past three funding cycles will be used as a framework until the budget is passed. Rob explained that there will be an initial funding recommendation and then once the budget is passed the department will go back and amend.

There is a public meeting to talk about the FY23 Annual Action Plan. Rob explained what the Annual Action Plan is and how activities are chosen based on the priority in the Consolidated Plan.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting June 9, 2022, 11:00 am on Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.