

Columbus Consolidated Government
Summary of the
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
September 14, 2023

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on September 14, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

Members Present: Mary Garcia, Virginia Dickerson, Charlotte Ingram, and Evan Collins

Members Absent: Armando Fernandez, Tracey Belt, Tamika McKenzie, Michael Ernst, Christy Lemieux, John Partin, Sendreka Lakes, and Glenn Albright

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Robert Scott, Michael Baker, Emma Kimbrel, and Natalie Bouyett

ORDER OF MEETING

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

DISCUSSION

1. CDBG & HOME Grant Update

a. Chairperson

Emma Kimbrel, Community Reinvestment Planner let the board know that Chris Poirier resigned his position. Tracey Belt, Vice Chairperson, will be acting as Chairperson. There was not a quorum so a vote could not be held at the current meeting.

b. Audit

Emma gave an update on the internal audit performed within Community Reinvestment. The auditor met with CRD staff over the past few months collectively and individually. The audit team presented at Council this past Tuesday and presented their findings. A few recommendations were made, and Emma shared them with the board. Emma also provided CDAC with the presentation post meeting.

c. CAPER

Emma shared about the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). CDAC was told of the public comment period as well as the upcoming public meeting.

d. RVRC Program Agreement

Emma shared about the programmatic agreement between River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The

agreements' purpose is to shorten the SHPO response time from 30 days to 15 days by using RVRC as the department's local SHPO authority. Emma provided CDAC with the agreement post meeting.

e. ARP Update

Mary Garcia, ARP Project Analyst, gave an update on ARP funding. Mary shared about the Utility Assistance Program as well as the Affordable Housing Program.

f. Public Facilities Application

Emma gave an update on the CDBG – Public Facilities applications. The application is open on a yearly basis, with no closing date. Applications will be accepted based on eligibility and readiness. Emma shared a few examples of CDBG-PF projects the department is working on.

2. Open Floor Discussion

- a.** Charlotte asked about ways to increase participation. Rob responded sharing that the department has a new vision for CDAC and ensuring members want to participate.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting is December 14, 2023, at 11:00 am on Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.