



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
Advisory Board Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes
THURSDAY – October 8, 2015
Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Edith Owen Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Chair Edith Owen Wallace, Sharon Taylor, Mumbi Ngari-Turner and Laurie Maus

Board Members Excused: Kathleen Lind, Paul Calta and Ric Torgerson

Council Liaison Present: Councilmember Marie Barth

Youth Council Present: Claudia Penney

City Staff Present: Jeff Gumm, Martha Larkin and Karmel Shields

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 23, 2015 MUMBI NGARI-TURNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SHARON TAYLOR. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Edith Owen Wallace called the public hearing to order at 6:06 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

All members of the Community Services Advisory Board introduced themselves.

Ms. Wallace, Chair of the Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB), explained the need for citizen input in developing funding strategies for the FY 2016 Annual Action Plan and 2016-17 Human Services funding. She noted that each year the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of Lakewood to prepare a One Year Action Plan to receive federal funding addressing housing, community and economic development, and human service's needs. She stated that citizen input will be used by the Lakewood City Council in drafting funding strategies for allocating CDBG and HOME funding that is to be used to benefit low and moderate income citizens of Lakewood. Additionally, input will be used as the CSAB and Council move forward with the development of 2016-17 Human Services funding strategies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Rosemary Kaiser – Vice President, Board of Directors – Tillicum Community Center

Ms. Kaiser discussed the services the Center provides to the residents of the Tillicum and Woodbrook neighborhoods. She stated the Center is currently operating without an executive director and a staff of two employees; board members have stepped up assistance with the Center's daily operations to ensure there is no break in services provided. Ms. Kaiser discussed the Center's current operational schedule and the

various programs the Center is able to maintain: food and clothing bank; Sea Mar health clinic; Pierce County Library branch; and various holiday meal and gift programs. Funding for the Center is being provided mainly through private donations and local business support.

Ms. Janet Harper, Treasurer, Board of Directors – Tillicum Community Center

Ms. Harper discussed budgetary concerns for the Center and stated the Center was able to meet operational expenses for the most recent two months. She stated she had personally stepped up to support the Center financially and that she had the capacity to continue to support the Center moving forward.

Ms. Mary Brickle – Executive Assistant – Rebuilding Together South Sound

Ms. Brickle spoke about the importance of maintaining safe affordable housing for low income homeowners and the programs Rebuilding Together South Sound (RTSS) was able to offer. She said the programs RTSS offers were quite often the only assistance options for persons living in mobile homes and persons with little or no equity in their homes. Ms. Brickle stated that RTSS had served 72 low income Lakewood households life-to-date, with a total of 6 completed in 2015, 2 awaiting repairs, and another 3 households pending approval.

Ms. Diana Comfort – Executive Director of Child Care – YMCA

Ms. Comfort expressed appreciation for the support of CDBG funding they were allocated in 2014 for the Child Care Scholarship Program and urged the Board to continue its support through future funding of child care. She stated that the YMCA is able to offer fully-staffed before and after school daycare programs for children. Programs provide for tutoring and homework assistance, after school activities, playtime, and healthy meals and snacks.

Mr. Gomer Roseman – Director of Site Development & Construction – Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Roseman discussed Habitat's construction progress in the Tillicum neighborhood. He said that Habitat has constructed 19 homes in Tillicum to date, has 1 home under construction, and is nearing breaking ground on 7 new single family homes at 8901 Commercial St. SW. Over the next two years, Habitat is scheduled to complete the full rehabilitation of 1 home and construction of 12 new homes in Tillicum. Mr. Roseman thanked the City for its support and partnership.

Ms. Amy Allison – Director of Community Mobilization – Associated Ministries, Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful

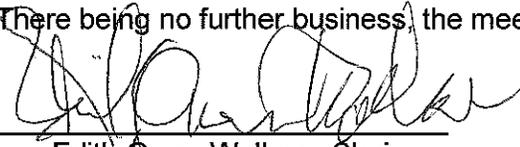
Ms. Allison stated that the Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful program provides house painting services at no cost to low income households, including elderly and disabled households. The program brings together volunteer labor and donated materials to allow the program to offer services at no cost to all homeowners. She stressed the importance of maintaining safe and decent housing for homeowners who would otherwise be unable to afford such improvements. Ms. Allison recalled that funding for the program was not provided in 2015; she asked the Board to consider funding housing assistance programs in the coming year.

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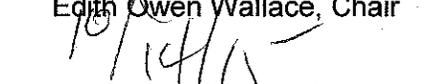
The next meeting of the CDBG Citizens Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – Conference Room 3A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Edith Owen Wallace, Chair



Date