

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO**

On the 13th day of May, 2014, the Community Development Advisory Committee had a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. The session was held at the Downtown Library, 4th and Buchanan, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT TODAY	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT
BANDY, Bill – Chairman	YES	23	20
GATES, Sam – NW Area	NO	15	9
GRISHAM, Glenda – NW Area	YES	64	53
JONES, Thomas – NE Area	YES	55	39
NELSON, Mary Jane – SE Area	YES	23	18
PHAM, Lo Van – SW Area	YES	11	8
RIVERA, Ruben – SE Area	YES	52	40
SALDIERNA, Rita – NE Area	YES	48	37
SISNEROS, Sabrina – Target Area	YES	15	13
STUDER, Lee – SW Area	YES	16	16

STAFF MEMBERS:

James Allen, Community Development Administrator
Deon Coffman, Housing Administrator
Kelly Robinson, HMIS System Administrator
Kathryn Foster, Program Coordinator

Citizens in attendance: 14

Chairperson Bill Bandy established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Bill Bandy asked each committee and staff member to introduce themselves and what area they represent.

ITEM 1: Approve the minutes of the Public meetings held by the Community Development Advisory Committee on April 29, 2014.

Lee Studer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Glenda Grisham and passed 9-0 vote.

ITEM 2: Director's Report

James Allen presented the Director's Report on the current federal funding status and the allocation process. The allocated funding is not going to be available until October 1, 2014. For this year's entitlements in Community Development Block Grant funds there is \$1,501,544. Home funding has \$547,346. There is also \$24,442 from 2012 that were unused and will be reallocated to the Community Development Block Grant program.

ITEM 3: Consider project funding requests for the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development using the following resources

2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant	\$1,501,544
2014-2015 HOME Investment Partnership Program	\$ 547,346
Unused funds from 2012	<u>\$ 24,442</u>
	\$2,073,332

Parks & Recreation – Rod Tweet, Parks and Recreation Director, 3813 Danbury – is requesting funds for the improvement to Glenwood Park by constructing a Splash Pad. This would be the 6th park to have a Splash Pad funded by Community Development.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

Bill Bandy asked where the park was located.

Rod Tweet answered that Glenwood Park is near the new Habitat for Humanity HOME project on the corner of SE 27th and Roberts.

Ruben Rivera asked what the total number of kids served at this location.

Rod Tweet answered there is an average of 58 – 68 kids per day.

Lo Van Pham asked if there are any problems with the Eastridge Splash Pad.

Rod Tweet replied that they are almost complete.

Ruben Rivera asked about filtration issues.

Rod Tweet answered no. The features are set on timers.

No public comment

Building Safety – Demolition and Clearance – James Allen, Community Development Administrator – Every application has to be eligible under HUD regulations. For several years, The City of Amarillo has helped fund and tear down substandard structures. This request is for \$90,000. The goal is to clean neighborhoods up in order to make it more attractive for neighbors and to also make it more attractive to potential developers.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

Lee Studer asked if the allocation was \$90,000 last year for this?

James Allen replied with "yes".

Lee Studer asked if it was normal for us to be at \$57,000 this far into the year and are we sure we are going to use all the funds we allocated last year?

James Allen replied that for the last 2½ - 3 years we have accelerated our demolition. The City Council committed to vigorously try to get citizens to bring their properties up to code or we are going to assist them by tearing them down.

Thomas Jones asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the property.

James Allen said the property owner.

Laura Hankins asked who to contact about properties that need to be cleaned up.

James Allen replied that she could contact his office and he would look into it.

Building Safety – Housing Inspector – James Allen, Community Development Administrator – This position was created and funded by the committee. The committee felt that their needed to be a stronger emphasis on inspections in the target area. The \$64,269 that is requested funds a position along with the required costs of that position.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

Glenda Grisham asked for clarification on the salary, administrative and other costs.

James Allen replied that the other cost were anything that gives us the ability to do a task.

Sabrina Sisneros asked if the funds were providing an office.

James Allen clarified that it is not an office, it is space such as a cubicle.

Lo Van Pham asked how many inspectors there are.

James Allen replied that, there are 38 inspectors and 1 inspector job will go away if not funded.

No public comment.

Neighborhood Improvements – Sinclair Housing Development – Curtis Sinclair, 1001 S Georgia –Requesting infrastructure dollars for new housing in SE Amarillo.

There is a lot shortage and a housing shortage for low income housing. There are about 417 total lots. There are 198 remaining with about 100 being out of town.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

Bill Bandy asked how many lots they own.

Curtis Sinclair responded they own 217. They would like to donate five to Habitat for Humanity.

Glenda Grisham asked what it costs to build them and how much they would sell them for.

Curtis Sinclair it would cost approximately \$150,000 for a three bedroom.

Glenda Grisham asked about nearby schools.

Curtis Sinclair believes that Oakdale is nearby.

Neighborhood Improvements – Maverick Club Windows – Kimber Daniel and Gary Strickland, 5304 Briar St – Requesting \$75,000 to remove and replace the windows on the exterior of the building. As a best estimate, the windows were put in the building in the mid to late 1970s. They are in the process of remodeling and bringing the building up to code. Heating and cooling is senseless without proper windows.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

Bill Bandy asked besides the windows and doors are you doing any other maintenance and repairs to the facility this year.

Kimber Daniel replied that there are not any other repairs being made.

Lo Van Pham asked about price quotes.

Gary Strickland replied that he has several prices.

Thomas Jones asked once the windows were replaced, how much would that decrease the cost of utilities.

Gary Strickland said that it would reduce the cost by 30%.

Lo Van Pham inquired about other funding sources.

Kimber Daniel stated that this is the only funding source for this project.

No public comments.

Neighborhood Improvements – Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle Youth Shelter Windows – Sonja Steelman, 1645 NW 10th – Funding is being sought to replace all the windows in the youth shelter. The windows throughout the facility are all single pane. The shelter would like to remodel with double pane windows with the blinds being inside.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments

Bill Bandy inquired about the building.

Sonja Steelman said that there is an east and west wing. They started renovating the east wing. They have raised \$53,000 and request \$51,000 from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Glenda Grisham asked if they will get funding somewhere else.

Thomas Jones asked if they were getting any state money.

Sonja Steelman replied with no.

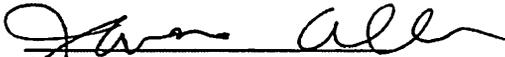
No public comments.

HOME CHDO Projects and Operations – Amarillo Habitat for Humanity – Chas Massey, 3811 Danbury – Glenwood addition. Requesting \$130,000 for building four new homes. Over the last year, we have built four new homes and have rehabbed two homes. They have a waiting list of over 75 families. They do have a line of credit if this funding is not available, but don't like to use it because of interest expense.

Bill Bandy asked for CDAC and public comments.

No comments.

With no further business to come before the committee, Bill Bandy requested a motion to adjourn. Lee Studer made the motion and it was seconded by Ruben Rivera.


Approved by James Allen
Community Development