

MEETING MINUTES
City of Hot Springs
Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)
Thursday, February 4, 2016 1:00pm
City of Hot Springs Board Chambers, 133 Convention Blvd, Hot Springs, AR 71901

1. Erin Holliday called the meeting to order at 1:04pm

Those in attendance:

- Erin Holliday, CDAC Chair
- Terry Kent, CDAC Vice Chair
- Leslie Ramsey, CDAC Member
- Kelly Thomason, CDAC Member

- Michelle Sestili, CDBG Administrator
- Katie Gibson, United Way
- Patrick Long, United Way
- Jane Browning, United Way
- Mark Toth, Whittington Valley Neighborhood Association

Copies of the agenda, 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), CAPER Comments sheet, Project Status Report 1/26/16, and home buyer education class flier were made available to all in attendance.

2. January 4, 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved (4:0)

3. New Business

Michelle Sestili presented the 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) and answered CDAC questions.

CDAC opened the floor for public comments. 2 attendees commented.

Mark Toth spoke of the real and tangible benefits CDBG project investments have in neighborhoods especially over 3, 4 or 5 years, and that low- to moderate income neighborhoods have a high population of pedestrians. CDBG investments in walkability in the Whittington Valley neighborhood has resulted in an absence of residents in the street.

Jane Browning with the United Way, host of the Southwest Arkansas Partnership (SWAP) Continuum of Care provided an update on the unofficial point in time homelessness count conducted on January 26, 2015. 7 counties participated including Hot Springs, Garland County; 120 adults shelters and unsheltered and 200 children in the region reported under McKinney Vento (unofficial count only). They continue developing better techniques for conducting the count, which helps bring in HUD funding. They began working with the Sheriff's Department to identify homeless camps and will continue working closely with them. Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking Transitional Housing and a family shelter are needed. The Charitable Christian Ministries & Clinic (CCMC) has formed steering committees to examine housing, education and employment as an extension of their Bridges Out of Poverities program.

Both comments were considered and incorporated in the 2015 CAPER.

4. Old Business

Michelle Sestili provided CDBG updates.

- The 2016 HUD CDBG allocation announcement is anticipated mid/late February.
- Chattanooga Park supplemental funds for the playground equipment concrete pad, and water/sewer lines at 238 Ouachita Avenue for economic development purposes have been approved by the City Manager for infrastructure funding.
- Environmental Review consultation requests have been sent for 2015 Amendment and top prioritized 2016 proposed projects.
- The Osage Nation requested a Phase I Cultural Resources Study be performed before any development of the David F. Watkins Memorial Tunnel Park.
- FY2016 Planning & Administration request for funds was reduced from \$42,000 to \$40,000 in 2016 based on 2015 expenditures.
- Approved and pending project statuses were reviewed and discussed.

5. Announcements

The next scheduled CDAC meeting will be held Thursday, March 3 at 1:00pm in City Hall Board Chambers.

6. Adjournment

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned by Erin Holliday at 2:38pm.