

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD PLANNING COMMISSION

A special meeting of the St. Cloud Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Anderson, Ballantine, DeVine, Larson and Radaich. Andzenge was absent. Staff present were Carla Chapman, Matt Glaesman and Ashley Skaggs.

### **CDBG PY2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**ACTION TAKEN:** Anderson/DeVine/Approved (5-0)

Glaesman reminded Commissioners of the public hearing held on Tuesday, March 10. Commissioners discussed whether it was best to focus on one category each year or to spread the funding allocations amongst several categories. Radaich stated he would like the Planning Commission to make their recommendation without being influenced by the staff recommendation. Anderson commented he would like to see other projects such as the VA Community Housing, Overcomers International and Habitat for Humanity. Ballantine stated he feels the focus should be on youth and seniors.

Glaesman noted that he consistently hears that the declining core neighborhoods need to be addressed, which is why staff's recommendation focused more on home demolition and rehabilitation. DeVine noted concern for focusing on one category as it may deter organizations from applying in the future if they believe they will not be funded. Larson suggested announcing in the future what focus the city may take that year. This would still allow any eligible project to apply, but keep them informed that it may not be funded if it does not fit within the year's focus.

Commissioners discussed how to allocate funds for PY2015. Scott Anderson, Central MN Youth for Christ, asked to briefly address the Commissioners. He stated that Youth for Christ would be willing to reduce their request to \$22,000 to allow the replacement of one of their two roofs. Commissioners continued brainstorming funding scenarios.

Ballantine made a motion to approve the recommendation as follows:

| Applicant                                 | Amount of Original Request | % of Request | Staff Recommended Allocation |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Program Administration                    | \$99,687                   | 100%         | \$99,687                     |
| HRA - Acquisition/Demolition Program      | \$150,000                  | 50%          | \$75,000                     |
| HRA - Single-Family Rehab                 | \$250,000                  | 70%          | \$175,000                    |
| Lutheran Social Services - Crisis Nursery | \$15,000                   | 58%          | \$8,748                      |
| Affordable Housing Initiatives            | \$250,000                  | 27%          | \$68,000                     |
| Central MN Youth for Christ               | \$50,000                   | 44%          | \$22,000                     |
| Central MN Habitat for Humanity           | \$100,000                  | 40%          | \$40,000                     |
| Whitney Senior Center                     | \$45,000                   | 44%          | \$20,000                     |
| NE Neighborhood Quiet Zone Improvements   | \$110,188                  | 100%         | \$110,188                    |
| <b>Total</b>                              |                            |              | <b>\$618,623</b>             |

The motion was seconded by Radaich. Larson noted it may be helpful to City Council to meet with them before they make their recommendation to give them a better understanding of how/why the Planning Commission came to their recommendation. Larson called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.