



MINUTES

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ADVISORY BOARD February 22, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Gigi Jackson – Chair
Jeanne Paris – Vice Chair
Jonathon Hammel – Secretary
Michael Hoskinson - Board Member
Ken Inouye – Board Member
Macey Lachman – Board Member
Vacant – Board Member
Charles Kovac – Staff Liaison
Gregory Hoang – Staff Liaison
Kim Radding – Management Aide

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Hammel, Hoskinson, Inouye, Jackson, Lachman, Paris

Absent: None

Staff Present: Kovac, Hoang, Radding

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mehkel Harvey, Huntington Beach resident, suggested that signage should be installed in downtown Huntington Beach establishments so that people can indicate their sexual identity.

Daniel Miller, Los Angeles resident, covered his face with a mask, sang, and danced.

Leo Dottavio, stated that funding is needed for more showers at the beach.

Ernie Jordan, Huntington Beach resident, expressed disappointment that public pools discourage persons suffering with IBS from swimming.

Kameron Stogy, Huntington Beach resident, stated that he would like to see increased representation of black community and culture in Huntington Beach.

Kelvin expressed his gratitude for employment opportunities as a gardener in Huntington Beach.

Robyne Wood, representing Robyne's Nest, offered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the mission and accomplishments made through the programs offered by Robyne's Nest that would be supported by an award of CDBG funds for the 2024-25 Program Year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vice Chair Paris to approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board meeting of February 1, 2024, as submitted. Second by member Hoskinson, carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

2. Funding Recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant Public Services Program Applications for the 2024-25 Program Year

Board Member Hoskinson advised the Board that Mayor Van Der Mark informed him that General Funds will be allocated for the purchase of a vehicle to support the City of Huntington Beach Homeless Outreach program. He stated, that because this alternative source of funding is now identified, the request for \$25,000 in CDBG funds to purchase a vehicle can be withdrawn from consideration as part of the PY 2024-25 allocation.

(A) Recommend to the City Council 2024-25 CDBG funding allocations related to the Public Services applications.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not issued notice of Program Year 2024-25 funding allocations. Board Members conducted open discussion regarding the anticipated available disbursement of \$175,750 of CDBG Public Services funds to PY 2024-25 applicant organizations based upon the PY 2023-24 CDBG allocation to the City of Huntington Beach.

The initial Public Services requests for funds received from applicant organizations for Program Year 2024-25 totaled \$320,337. Subsequently, two applicants reduced their funding requests: City of Huntington Beach Homeless Outreach Transportation (reduced from \$50,000 to \$25,000), and Robyne's Nest Housing for Homeless and At-Risk Youth (reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000). These adjustments resulted in a total funding request of \$270,337 to be evaluated by the Board.

Board Member Inouye proposed a reduction of 71% be applied equally to all funding requests and meet the anticipated available funding. Board Members conferred and mutually agreed that the fairest method to address the shortfall in funds would be to reduce all funding requests by an equivalent percentage, which was determined to be 65%. The remaining balance was then proposed to be applied in equal share to the Oak View FRC Drop-In Recreation program and Robyne's Nest Housing for Homeless and At-Risk Youth.

Board Members also considered it prudent to provide the City Council with a recommendation that excluded funding for the City of Huntington Beach Homeless Outreach Transportation vehicle and a second recommendation to be applied if alternative funding for the vehicle could not be made available.

Motion by Board Member Hoskinson, second by Vice Chair Paris and unanimously supported (6-0) to provide the City Council with a primary recommendation of funding allocation

City of Huntington Beach Oak View FRC Drop-In Recreation Program	\$65,250
Project Hope Alliance On-Site Case Management for Homeless Youth	\$37,500
Robyne's Nest Housing for Homeless and At-Risk Youth	\$50,000
StandUp for Kids Street Outreach	\$23,000

and a secondary recommendation for funding allocation if the alternative funding for the City of Huntington Beach Homeless Outreach Transportation vehicle cannot be not secured.

City of Huntington Beach Oak View FRC Drop-In Recreation Program	\$60,250
Project Hope Alliance On-Site Case Management for Homeless Youth	\$32,500
Robyne's Nest Housing for Homeless and At-Risk Youth	\$50,000
StandUp for Kids Street Outreach	\$22,750
City of Huntington Beach – Homeless Outreach Transportation	\$10,250

(B) Provide a recommendation to the City Council for adjusting program funding levels if the City's final CDBG allocation from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is higher or lower than anticipated.

Motion by Board Member Lachman, second by Vice Chair Paris, to maintain the recommended funding awards to the City of Huntington Beach Oakview FRC Drop-In Recreation Program and Robyne's Nest and reduce funding to Project Hope Alliance and StandUp for Kids by equal share (50/50) if CDBG funding received from HUD is less than anticipated. The Motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

Motion by Board Member Inouye, second by Vice Chair Paris, to allocate increased funds by equal share (50/50) only to the City of Huntington Beach Oakview FRC Drop-In Recreation Program and Robyne's Nest if CDBG funding received from HUD is greater than anticipated. No additional funds would be allocated to Project Hope Alliance or StandUp for Kids. The Motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT 7:12 PM

Adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, a Joint Study Session with the Huntington Beach City Council, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 4:00 PM in the Council Chamber, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

Prepared By:

Kim Radding, Management Aide

Adopted _____:

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Jonathon Hammel, Secretary