



Minutes

Beloit Community Development Authority

100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511

June 27, 2018

4:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the City of Beloit Community Development Authority was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in the Forum of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Baker at 4:34 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Baker, DeBrock, Forbeck and Murray

Absent: Commissioners Ellison, Kenitzer and Leavy

Staff Present: Julie Christensen, Teri Downing, Clinton Cole and Ann Purifoy

2. Public Comments

Jessica Locher of ECHO explained that much of their funding is being used for rapid-rehousing, but homeless prevention is still needed and she hoped that the City would make this a priority this year. She stated that 67% of their clients are paying more than 30% of their income for housing. She also stated that housing is critical in order for people to succeed.

Marybeth Gliebe of Family Promise explained that their program provides assistance to homeless families and that affordability of housing has become the greatest need because rents in Beloit are steadily increasing. She stated that there are currently 500 homeless youth in Beloit public schools.

Jim Van De Bogart spoke on behalf of Meals on Wheels. He indicated that 27% of their clients reside in the Hackett and Merrill neighborhoods. He stated that most of the clients they serve live alone, and that this program assists in stabilizing neighborhoods because if the meal services were not available, many of those homes would become vacant.

3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Forbeck and seconded by Commissioner Murray to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Housing Authority

a. Presentation of May Activity Report

Clinton Cole, Interim Director, gave a brief summary of the report.

- b. Presentation of April Financial Report
Clinton Cole gave a brief summary of the report.
- c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2018-09, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to Apply for a Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program Grant
Clinton Cole presented the staff report and recommendation. He explained that we may not be able to apply for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator grant for 2019 due to a decline in FSS participants. Therefore, we began looking at other alternatives. This grant which would provide funding for 3 years would assist with paying the salary of the coordinator.

Commissioner Forbeck moved and Commissioner DeBrock seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Community and Housing Services**

- a. Review and consideration of Resolution 2018-10, Recommending 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local Funding Priorities
Teri Downing, Director of Community and Housing Services, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, indicated that we need to ensure that we are funding agencies that meet a local funding priority. The plan is to ask applicants what local funding priority they feel is met by their agency when they make their presentations before the CDA Board.

Commissioner Baker requested that Ms. Downing explain the local goal of Economic Development Activities, with priority given to technical job training. Teri stated that the Consolidated and NRSA planning process revealed a need for a pool of skilled workers for higher paying jobs in Beloit and training for these jobs.

Commissioner Baker moved and Commissioner Forbeck seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2018-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation**

- a. Appoint a Community Development Authority board member to the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation

Julie Christensen explained that the CDA Board has a seat on the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation and that Charlene Debrock is no longer able to attend their quarterly meetings.

Commissioner Baker volunteered to serve on the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Forbeck moved and Commissioner DeBrock seconded a motion to appointed Commissioner Baker as the CDA representative on the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner DeBrock and seconded by Commissioner Forbeck to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. Motion carried.