

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting 2019-03

The Community Development Advisory Board meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th of April 2019, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

These minutes are on file in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Services office located at 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Hernandez at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	David L. Hernandez (Residential Home Bldg.)	Present
MEMBER:	Amaya Vinuela (Advocate for low-income)	Present
MEMBER:	Alan Borkowski (Banking)	Present
MEMBER:	Khalilah Maragh (P&Z Board)	Present
MEMBER:	Kristine Herndon (Real Estate)	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant (Employers within the City)	-
MEMBER:	Rebecca Thibert (Resident of the City)	Present
MEMBER:	William O'Hara (Not-for-profit)	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant (For-profit provider)	-
MEMBER:	Vacant (Actively engaged in home bldg.)	-
MEMBER:	Vince Pryce (Essential Services Personnel)	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Nancy Jewell, Community Development Administrator; Ximena Escobar, Board Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Jewell introduced newly appointed Growth Management Director, Mr. Laurence Bradley, to the board members.

1. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Public Service Agency Presentation:

a) Aging Matters

Ms. Paola Schroeder, Community Manager, representing Aging Matters in Brevard, requested \$26,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. This organization would serve home delivered Meals on Wheels and provide a congregate dining program for seniors to serve lunch meals to Palm Bay residents in need of nutrition services.

Ms. Schroeder elaborated on her request for funding.

b) South Brevard Women's Center

Ms. Becky Lemstrom, Grant Manager, representing South Brevard Women's Center, requested \$42,658 in CDBG Funds. The funding would provide transitional housing to homeless women and children victims of domestic violence. In addition, the program came with a suite of services to become self-sufficient such as educational and finance training along with counseling sessions.

Ms. Lemstrom elaborated on her request for funding.

c) St. Joseph – St. Vincent de Paul

Mr. Andres Vazquez, Vice President, representing St. Joseph – St. Vincent de Paul, requested \$25,000 in CDBG Funds. To prevent homelessness, this project would provide financial assistance for delinquent rent and or utilities for low- and moderate-income households.

Mr. Vazquez elaborated on his request for funding.

d) Daily Bread

Mr. Jeffrey Njus, Executive Director, representing Daily Bread, requested \$44,850 in CDBG Funds. This outreach center would provide resources and assistance to homeless people living in the City of Palm Bay.

Mr. Njus elaborated on his request for funding.

e) Greater Melbourne PAL

Mr. Rufus Williams, President, representing Greater Melbourne Police Athletic League (PAL), requested \$21,172 in CDBG Funds. This program would provide

mentoring to youth and teens ages 8-17 to engage in structured hands-on educational and social development activities.

Mr. Williams elaborated on his request for funding.

2. Presentation of staff recommendations for awards of funding.

Ms. Jewell presented an overview of the summary of applications and staff recommendations as well as the guidelines for meeting the requirements for funding to the agencies.

The Board recessed to allow the members to individually rank the proposals after which time the meeting resumed. Ms. Jewell tallied the rankings.

3. Discussion and recommendation of awards of funding of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Public Services.

Board Members and Ms. Jewell discussed the funding allocation for each agency.

The Board recommended providing funds to the following Public Service Agencies in ranking order, as funding would permit: Aging Matters in Brevard (\$26,000.00); South Brevard Women's Center (\$31,548.00); Greater Melbourne PAL (\$20,000.00); St. Joseph – St. Vincent de Paul (\$20,000.00); Daily Bread (\$20,000.00).

Motion by Ms. Thibert, seconded by Ms. Herndon, to adopt the dollar amounts recommended by staff. Motion carried with members voting unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

David Hernandez, Chairperson

Ximena Escobar, Secretary