

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DANE COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

December 15, 2004

City-County Building - Room 421

Members Present: Barbara Hennings (Town of Burke); Ron Johnson (City of Fitchburg); Cindy Martinelli (Town of Cottage Grove); Salli Martyniak (Village of Waunakee); Debra Neubauer (At-large); and Phyllis Wilhelm (At-large)

Members Absent: Richard Pertzborn (District 36); Linda Pollack (Village of Oregon); Larry Saeger (City of Verona); and Dorothy Wheeler (District 18)

County Staff: Ann Webbles, Todd Violante, Steve Steinhoff, Liana Escott

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chair, Debra Neubauer.

Review Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2004 meeting: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Martyniak to approve the minutes. It passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2005 HUD Proposed Funding Reductions - Webbles mentioned that as a result of budget cuts in the 2005 HUD budget, funding reductions are being made on a national level in the vicinity of 4 - 5%. Preliminary planning estimates that we received from NACCED project CDBG funding in the amount of \$1,258,615 and HOME in the amount of \$586,324. No ADDI funds are anticipated for 2005, with the total HUD program reduction projected at \$130,000. Webbles mentioned that unprogrammed funds in both the CDBG and HOME programs should be sufficient to absorb the 2005 funding reductions, that this should have no impact on the dollar amount of the recommendations made by the CDBG Commission in September 2004 and approved by the Board in November 2004. She also suggested that the Commission consider moving back its program year in 2006 from January 1 to April 1. Because we receive future year planning estimates from HUD in the late fall, by moving back the start of the program year and the development cycle three months, we would have more accurate numbers with which to plan. In the past, all we could do was estimate. HUD funding reductions are likely to occur the next few years so there is some advantage to knowing better numbers from HUD before we begin our development process. Wilhelm suggested that we operate under different assumptions for the 2006 development process, Martinelli commented that it made sense to move back the program year, and Martyniak suggested that if we

change the start date, non-profits would prefer that we use the same application as last year's joint application with the City of Madison.

Discussion of Dane County Comprehensive Plan draft housing goals and objectives: Violante provided background on the Comprehensive Plan. The development of a comprehensive plan is required by the State by 2006. In order to meet this requirement Dane County applied to the State and received a planning grant of \$175,000. A total of 9 elements must be discussed in the plan of which housing and economic development are two of them. The Commission was asked to comment on draft housing goals that were approved by the Comprehensive Steering Committee Housing and Economic Development Work Group on October 20, 2004. The approved draft goals and objectives were slightly modified from *housing* subgroup recommendations developed over a series of meetings from August to October 2004. The subgroup review and refinement for recommendations was based on draft housing goals and objectives reported at the July 2004 Milestone meeting, which were developed by the full work group over a series of meetings in the fall of 2003 and in June and July of 2004. Neubauer commented that the goals were wide and Martyniak that they were comprehensive. Wilhelm noted that the economic development goals and objectives still are being developed.

CDBG/HOME Update: There was no additional information.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, January 5, 2005, Alliant Energy Center Boardroom.

Other Business as Allowed by Law: There was no other business.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Martinelli and seconded by Martyniak to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Webbles
December 22, 2004