

MINUTES

NEW ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission was held following a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 2:31pm.

Commission Members Present: Irving Joshua, President
Terry Middleton, Vice President
Bob Norwood, Secretary
Jennie Collier
Adam Dickey

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Shane Gibson, Interim Redevelopment Director/Corporate Counsel
Claire Johnson, Director of Economic Development
Jessica Campbell, Public Facilities Project Manager
Tonya Fischer, Urban Enterprise Manager
Maymie Owens, Redevelopment/Economic Administrative Assistant

Others Present:

Jill Ballard, YMCA of Greater Louisville
Alisha Collett, Open Door Youth
Dennis Enix, YMCA of Greater Louisville
Angela Graf, Hope Southern Indiana
Courtney Lewis, New Albany Housing Authority
Max Monahan, New Directions Housing Corporation
Darrell Neeley
Brandi Pirtle, Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana
Jill Saegesser, The Wheatley Group
Leslea Townsend Cronin, Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana
Kathy Wilkerson, New Albany Parks Department

The President called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM. Roll was called. All members were present.

The First item of Business was the **Public Hearing** for the **Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Community Development Block Grant Program Citizen Participation Plan**. The president opened the Public Hearing at 2:32pm. The Economic Development Director stated that for FY22 the City was allocated around \$673,000. She stated that the City hopes to receive a similar amount for FY23. She stated that public services are capped at 15%, which is around \$100,000. She added that housing projects generally are allocated around 30%. The Economic Development Director requested that the speakers that were presenting to please limit their presentation to three minutes. The President read the names in order from the sign-in sheet to speak.

Courtney Lewis, New Albany Housing Authority (NAHA), presented the application for the **Youth Engagement and Middle School Programs**. Ms. Lewis stated that over the course of 30 years NAHA has worked alongside the New Albany Parks Department to help create opportunities for youth who live at NAHA properties. Ms. Lewis mentioned that they have realized there is a greater need to create more

supportive programing for children. This program will help children be more self-sufficient in the future through partnerships with the New Albany Parks Department, and other local non-profits such as B.A.Y.A., Olive Tree Resources, Floyd County 4-H, Growing Bridges, Arts Alliance of Southern Indiana, and the Floyd County Library. Ms. Lewis added that they are hoping to receive funding this year to support the ongoing programing for their elementary and middle school students. The President asked for the request amount and asked if they have provided this program previously. Ms. Lewis stated yes, that this program was started as a pilot, hoping to get all the middle school students signed up for 21st Century scholars. Ms. Lewis stated they currently servicing 72 children from 1st grade to 8th grade and they are requesting \$20,000. The President asked if they are expanding that number. Ms. Lewis stated yes, they are trying to expand it to 150. The President asked does the board have any more questions. There were no more questions.

Kathy Wilkerson, New Albany Parks and Recreation, presented the application for the **Youth Enrichment Program**. Ms. Wilkinson stated that she wanted to thank the Commission for their support of the Youth Enrichment Program. Ms. Wilkinson provided a document about the program to the Board, Interim Redevelopment Director/Corporate Counsel, Director of Economic Development, Public Facilities Project Manager, and Redevelopment/Economic Administrative Assistant, that was a summary of things that are proposed for FY2023 during the summer. She added that they have some really exciting things planned for the summer. Ms. Wilkinson stated they have about 150 kids in their program. The President asked if the request is the same from last year. Ms. Wilkinson responded yes. The President asked if the board had any questions. There were no more questions.

Dennis Enix, YMCA of Greater Louisville, Floyd County SACC, presented the application for **Building Assets for New Albany Youth**. Mr. Enix stated that the program offers children a safe, engaging, active, and educational space to spend the hours before and after school each day in elementary schools in New Albany. The CDBG grant allows them the opportunity to keep as many of the title schools open and be generous with their scholarships for the youth and families. Mr. Enix stated they are requesting \$20,000. He added this is what they were awarded last year but there was difference in how much was given to the city so it was reduced for \$18,000. They are asking to get back to the \$20,000 level. The President asked if there were any questions. Mr. Dickey asked what their current enrollment is right now. Mr. Enix stated they serve about 500 kids annually at all the 11 schools that they are in. The schools that are targeted for this funding is Fairmont, Green Valley, S Ellen Jones, Slate Run Elementary. Mr. Enix added this can be up to 120 kids and staffing. The President asked if there were any questions. There were no more questions.

Alisha Collett, Open Door Youth Services, presented the application for **Open Door Youth Services**. Ms. Collett stated they are hoping to receive funding from the grant to continue the New Directions Program which is an after-school program. She stated they serve around 70 children and they are hoping to grow the program a little bit more. She added they run a minimum of 60 sections throughout the year after school, using hopeful days and mindful curriculum. Ms. Collett stated they do provide fall and spring break programing for the children. The President asked whether this was a resubmission and if they were supported last year. Ms. Collett stated that they were. The President asked if they requesting a slight increase in funding compared to last year. Ms. Collett stated that they were. The President asked if there were any other questions. There were no more questions.

about the program. He added that normally they do about 12 to 15 a year and receive about 12 to 15 applicants a year. The President asked if there were any other questions. There were no more questions.

The President closed the Public Hearing for the **Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant**. The Public Hearing closed at 2:56PM.

The Second item of Business was the **Approval of the Minutes** from the **February 14, 2023** meeting. Mr. Dickey motioned to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Collier seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Third item of Business was **Old Business**. The President noted that there was none.

New Business:

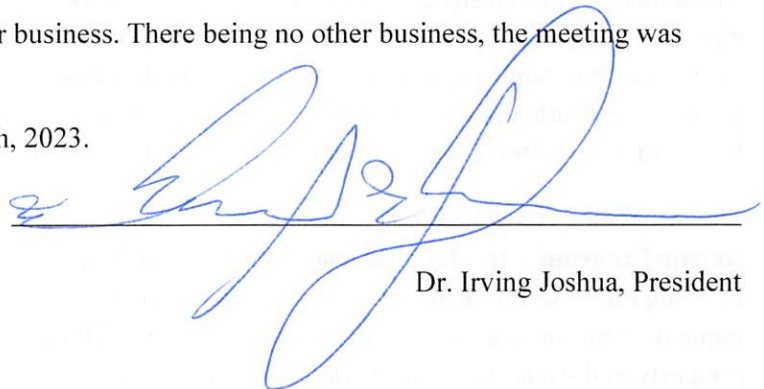
The First item of New Business was the **Claims Worksheet** dated **2/20/23** in the amount of \$114,867.56. Mr. Norwood motioned to approve the Claims Worksheet dated 2/20/23 in the amount of \$114,867.56. Mrs. Collier seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Other Business:

The First item of Other Business was the inquiry from the President about an update from the City Engineer. The President requested that the City Engineer will be available to provide an update on projects at the next meeting. The Interim Redevelopment Director stated that it will be at the one following that. He added the next meeting he will be unavailable. Mr. Dickey stated he will be absent at the next meeting as well.

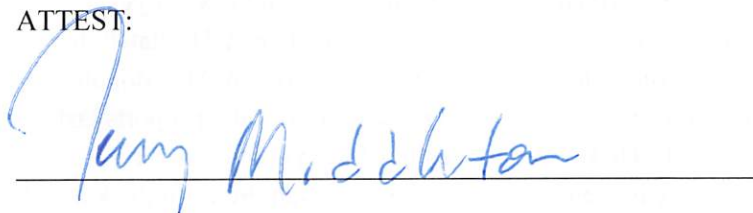
The President noted that there was no other business. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58PM.

Approved and adopted the __ day of March, 2023.



Dr. Irving Joshua, President

ATTEST:



Bob Norwood, Secretary

Terry Middleton, VP

Angela Graf, Hope Southern Indiana, presented the application for **Clothe A Teen**. Ms. Graf stated this is a program that helps low-income students identified by the Floyd County school system to receive \$100 in back-to-school clothing. The President asked if 280 was the number of students that they are serving. Ms. Graf stated that was correct and with the CDBG grant they have served 103 of the 280. She added they receive other funding from churches and other community departments. Mr. Dickey asked what the amount is that they are requesting. Ms. Graf responded that it was \$10,000 for 100 kids. She added if a middle or high school student is identified by the counselor of the school, they will interview the family, and take in the younger siblings as well. Mr. Dickey stated that this is something they talked about before. He added that they are covering more than the immediate child. Ms. Graf stated that they do not want anyone in the household to go without. She added if two of the children receive funding, they would also bring in the 3rd child. They would all be in the low-income household so they are all eligible. The President asked about the age range. Ms. Graf responded middle and high school. The President asked if there were any other questions. There were no more questions.

Leslea Townsend Cronin, Homeless Coalition Southern Indiana, presented the application for **White Flag**. Ms. Cronin stated that this is the first time requesting CDBG Funds for the White Flag shelter. She stated that this year they are really trying to provide the shelter as an emergency shelter for those that are not be able to pay for utilities. Ms. Cronin mentioned that this is a pretty hard program to fund because it is not a 24-hour shelter. Ms. Cronin stated the main goal of the shelter is that people remain warm on the coldest nights there has been. The President asked is this the first time they have requested funds. Ms. Cronin stated yes this is the first time. The President asked if they have any statistics on how many might be utilizing the program in Floyd County. Ms. Cronin stated she is going to refer this question to her Program Director, Brandi Pirtle. Ms. Pirtle stated it is about 50/50 as far Floyd and Clark County. She added that from when she came in doing White Flag work 4 years ago, they had an average of 10 people a night, now they are seeing 20 to 30 a night, and had over 50 over Christmas weekend. She added they hardly seen any families, now they had 2 or 3 families this year. Ms. Pirtle stated this is that balance between the Clark and Floyd County, so it is a 50/50 on who they are serving in the counties. The President asked if there were any other questions. There were no more questions.

Max Monohan, New Directions Housing Corporation, presented the application for the **Emergency Repair Program**. Mr. Monohan stated this program helps low-income homeowners with home repair, focusing on those emergency needs like a leaking roof or when the heat that goes out. He added they implement this program on behalf of the City of New Albany and do about 12 to 15 homes per year, primarily in the qualified census tract area but sometimes outside the area based on need. He stated this year they have the same exact ask as they had last year with the same budget breakdown. Mr. Monohan said the only real changes is some of line allocations because they had more money in their reports last year and they actually did not need that amount. Mr. Dickey stated they have been doing this for a number of years. He asked are there any changes he is seeing out in the field that require us to think about how we are doing things. Mr. Monohan stated they changed and upped the budget from \$7,500 per unit. Mr. Monohan added that they are seeing more younger people and single mothers who have bought their homes and are raising the children on their own and the heat goes out. He stated otherwise it is the same thing every year. The President asked if the number of requests has changed. Mr. Monohan stated the number who seek assistance has gone up over the last 2 to 3 years. He mentioned that he believes that this is because they have been better about their outreach tactics, they have been speaking with the building commission and code inspectors, other departments and council people to work with spreading the word