

CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday February 24, 2015

7:00 –7:35pm, Lower Level Conference Room

Committee Attendees: Bud Johnson, Mike Fletcher, Richard Rottkov, Anton Hoecker, Matthew Gilbert, Don Legere

City Staff: Maeve Pistrang

The CDAC discussed their recommendations for CDBG funding for 2015-16. They agreed that they would like to fund all of the Public Service applicants, which would require reducing their requested funding amounts in order to accommodate them all. Since there was one less applicant than last year and a similar level of funding, the Committee agreed to fund each Public Service applicant at least the amount that they received last year. One Committee member suggested splitting the amount above last year's allocations equally between all the applicants. After some discussion, the Committee decided to instead assess each one individually and make adjustments. Staff wrote the agreed upon amounts on the chalkboard, which included:

Family Crisis Services - \$5,000

Redbank Hub - \$15,000

Fuel Assistance - \$10,500

Recreation Scholarships - \$7,000

Free Bus Passes - \$4,292

Meals on Wheels - \$10,000

Food Cupboard - \$10,000

On motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the funding allocations as written on the chalkboard (noted above).

The Committee briefly discussed the Facilities/Infrastructure projects. One Committee member noted that a large amount of funding was being directed to the Redbank neighborhood. Other Committee members responded that in past years funding has focused on one particular area as well, such as Mill Creek. The Committee also discussed the Ferry Village steps and the existence of other access points in the neighborhood. On motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full funding for all of the Facilities/Infrastructure applicants and the staff recommendations for Target Area Sidewalks and Emergency Housing Rehabilitation.

Staff also recommended a \$65,000 allocation for program administration. On motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the admin allocation as recommended by staff.

The Committee also commented on the use of 2014 CDBG funds for a new Knightville Parking Study. Some members expressed frustration at the ongoing nature of the parking issues and the dedication of resources to the issue.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.