

City of Valdosta CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee

Monthly Meeting – Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

City of Valdosta – City Hall Annex, Multi-Purpose Room

Members Present: Franchesca Griffin, Bill Donaldson, Jessica Young, Karla Walker

City Staff Present: Vanassa Flucas and Sarah Lowe

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Vanassa Flucas at 5:34 p.m., followed by introductions from each member and staff present.

Ms. Flucas then gave a brief overview of the purpose and mission behind the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CDBG funding has primarily focused on housing needs, but we also have other issues needing to be addressed such as economic development within our community. Also, we need to look closely at our 2020 Vision Goals. Since we are already in 2016 we may need to think of revising and/or adding goals to achieve by year 2025.

At this time we paused for an invocation given by Mr. Donaldson.

Ms. Flucas asked the committee to take a moment to review the Meeting Minutes from the November meeting.

Ms. Walker made motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as written.

Ms. Young seconded the motion.

Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2015 meeting were approved.

At this time, Ms. Flucas opened the floor to discuss possible CAC Activities for the 2016-2017 year.

Housing Summit: Purpose discussed is to hold an event with resources available for both homeowner and renters. Tentative date suggested was for September.

Savannah Trip: Ms. Flucas announced to the Committee the trip planned for Savannah to tour the Sustainable Fellwood development. Brief discussion held on the purpose behind the reason for viewing this development along with potential ideas to consider for our local community. We want to look at these other developments to see what we may be able to do with our community. Transportation will be provided to the Committee members interested in attending. The date set for the trip is for Saturday, April 30. More information will be sent out by the Neighborhood Development Staff.

Bulk Trash Amnesty Day: The next Bulk Trash Amnesty event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 to run in conjunction with “Great American Clean Up”. We need the Committee to help get the word out to the citizens and other organizations.

We do not meet again until April so any other events or announcements will be sent out electronically so each Committee member will be in the loop.

The National Community Development Week is scheduled for March 28-April 1. The purpose of this week-long event is to promote and highlight some of what the CDBG funding provides within our community. We will send out more information electronically to all Committee members.

CDBG FY 2016 Allocations

At this time, we do not have the approved draft for the proposed allocations. Once we have received it, we will forward to the Committee.

At this time the floor was opened for Committee Discussions.

The RADD program was briefly discussed.

Reminder was also given by Ms. Flucas informing the Committee to check out the new City of Valdosta website scheduled to go live within the next week.

There were no additional agenda items to discuss, so the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.