

City of Valdosta CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee

Monthly Meeting – Minutes

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

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

Members Present: Franchesca Griffin, Bill Donaldson, Rebecca Taylor, Karla Walker

City Staff Present: Vanassa Flucas and Sarah Lowe

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Vanassa Flucas at 5:45 p.m., followed by an invocation given by Mr. Donaldson.

Meeting Minutes from the January 25th meeting were reviewed. Ms. Walker moved to approve the January minutes as written. Mr. Donaldson seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes for January meeting were approved.

Ms. Flucas discussed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This included the purpose for the CAPER, which is to show what funds and projects were completed within the previous year. The current CAPER for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY2015) is due in September. The Neighborhood Development Division will hold a Public Forum, to allow for City of Valdosta Citizens an opportunity to ask questions, or share concerns. The Forum is followed by a Citizens Comment Period. The Public Forum has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th at 5:30 p.m. Public Notices will be posted to inform all City of Valdosta citizens from our City website and from the Valdosta Daily Times. The CDBG CAC were encouraged to spread the information and to help gather citizen participation.

Plans for the Housing Summit were shared with the Committee. The date for the Housing Summit has already been set for Saturday, October 8th. The location for the Housing Summit has not been confirmed but possible locations were discussed. The event will either be at the Mildred Hunter Center or in the Multi-Purpose Room at the City Hall Annex. Further details regarding the Housing Summit were shared. The main purpose is to have resources available for both homeowners and renters. Also this would be a great opportunity for citizens to get to know some of the City Representatives during the Town Hall portion of the Housing Summit.

The FY 2025 Goals were discussed. Committee was reminded we are currently four (4) years away from the 2020 Goals. Now is a good time to go over the current goals to ensure we are on target, and to look over any areas that may need to be augmented or if new goals are needed, start writing them down to review at our next meeting.

Open Discussion was held. Topics included more on the Housing Summit and additional details shared. Discussion on housing trends which included the shift from homeownership to renting. We need to make sure we offer resources for renters during the Housing Summit.

Ms. Flucas reminded the Committee of the next Think Tank coming up on August 13th at 5:30p.m. in the City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room.

There were no additional agenda items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.