

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE - SPECIAL MEETING**

March 5, 2020

4:30 PM ECD Conference Room
City Hall, Second Floor

ATTENDEES: Howard Schmelder (Chair), Commissioners Charles Cyr, Tom Hick
ABSENT: Bob Passamano
STAFF: Justin Malley, Dawn Leger

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Howard Schmelder.

II. Approval of minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26, 2020.

Commissioner Cyr made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 26, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Hick. All present voted in favor and motion was passed.

III. Allow for any public comment on agenda items. None.

IV. Review request for an extension from Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc., for a 2019-20 CDBG grant.

Dawn Leger provided background on the project. The bids were very high. They have new bids and are now ready to go soon. It is anticipated that they can begin construction by late April.
Discussion.

Commissioner Cyr made a motion to grant an extension for Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc., 2019-2020 CDBG grant of \$20,000 to September 3, 2020. Commissioner Hick seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

V. Discuss Draft Goals for 2020-2025 CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan, and make preliminary recommendations that will be discussed by the ECD Board and circulated to the General Public for Comment.

Dawn provided the draft goals as submitted by the consultant. They wanted to provide a set of goals that are broader in scope so many things can fit under these umbrellas. These are provided in no specific order. These were compiled before all the survey results were in. She would like to give the committee more information and email the survey results. Results were received from 22 agencies and 55 residents. There was a lot of interest in services and facilities for children and youth.

More information is being shared with the community via church bulletins and a bilingual media flyer. So more information may be forthcoming. Dawn is also looking to get some information back from the business community.

Dawn distributed relevant pages from the CDBG yearly application form – Project Objectives and Project Eligibility. She will email more info based on the survey responses. This will be discussed at the next meeting next month.

There was a brief discussion of monitoring the agencies to understand how they operate and interrelate with each other. Dawn spoke about the Bristol Cares meetings and the discussion of overlapping services that has arisen and the coordination of services which needs to be done.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Cyr made a motion to adjourn at 4:58 p.m. Commissioner Hick seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary