



City of Abilene

Neighborhood Services Advisory Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Neighborhood Services Advisory Board of City of Abilene to be held on March 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Basement Conference Room, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

1. **Minutes:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Regular Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting held on May 26, 2022

AGENDA ITEMS

2. **Discussion:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing on Review of CDBG and HOME Funds

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 17th day of March, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

*Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City
Secretary, TRMC*

Neighborhood Services
Meeting with NSAC
May 26, 2022
Rank CBDG/HOME Funding Request

NS Advisory Members Present: Kris Kowatch, Chair
Jori Sechrist
Erica Currie
Kenneth Bowles
Lauren Cantrell
Darla Mayes
Bill Enriquez
Terry Cagle
Rachel Slaymaker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leticia Lozano, Neighborhood Services
Charlie Pyron, Neighborhood Services
James McFadden, Neighborhood Services

Meeting scheduled for 10:00 am, Thursday May 26, 2022, 9 Neighborhood Services Advisory Committee (NAC) were present, staff of Neighborhood Services as well as Kelly Messer from Legal.

Emails and phone calls were made to nonprofits that applied for funding to be present if they would like to answer any and all questions that may come up in reference to application, Clay Door of Code Enhancement attended

Questions asked where.

How are the demolitions determined to be CDBG eligible?

Clay Door answered, once Board of Building Standards (BOBS) determines property should be demolished the process starts with, are they are in Low Mod area and not in a Flood Zone or Flood Way, and if it be CDBG Funded.

Question on Environmental paperwork is any completed when CDBG funding is given?

Answer is yes, James McFadden completes to determine further eligibility.

Question, how does Neighborhood Services get reimbursed on the demolitions?

Answer, once it is complete and contractor is paid, for the property demolition, it is then invoiced to the last know owner, and a lien should be placed on the property, if the property is sold the amount of the demolition is to be paid before the change of owner ship.

Question can the property if after a certain length of time, be donated for example to Habitat for Humanity, to build on? If the owner doesn't come forth?

Answer, this has been discussed by Mr. Hanna and staff, it is in consideration phase.

NSAC discussed the Critical Repair, Revitalization, Single Family Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and First Time Homebuyers programs, all were in agreement the internal programs to be funded.

Nonprofit applications were discussed, an explanation was given as to what items were fundable and which were not per each application.

Jori Sechrist addressed The Salvation Army application, and items missing. For example no other funding sources, lack of Marketing Plan, incomplete description, the board agreed they should be funded, but not in the amount requested, no recommend amount was suggested.

Abilene Hope Haven application was addressed, it was explained that appliances were eligible for funding as long as they were non movable and had to be hardwired in, the furniture and vehicle was not, and the amount of \$31,386.04 requested was reduced to \$13,799.00.

Kris Kowatch, asked about last year's funding that was approved and if all nonprofits had used their funding, how long do they have to still be eligible for that funding, was asked what happens to that funding not used.

Answer, Leticia Reeves responded, Interested Citizen of Abilene North (ICAN) had not as of yet, nonprofits have until the funding year is over and it gets put back into the pot for other programs that are CDBG eligible.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

**FUNDING APPLICANTS, ADDRESSES, PROJECT
AND AMOUNTS**

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT SUGGESTED
SALVATION ARMY	1726 BUTTERNUT	NEW FLOORING	\$144,233.81	PROPOSED REDUCTION NO AMOUNT STATED
ABILENE HOPE HAVEN	801 S. TREADAWAY	APPLIANCES, TABLES & CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, SOFA	\$31,386.04	\$13,799.00
CR/NRP	555 WALNUT	CRITICAL REPAIR AND REVITALIZATIONS	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
FTHB/SFR	555 WALNUT	REHAB/ RECON/ FTHB	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
P&D DEMO	555 WALNUT	DEMO DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTALS			\$1,105,619.85	\$943,799.00

Approved: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Abilene- Neighborhood Services (NS), is in the process of developing the FY 2023 Action Plan, in conjunction, NS will be holding a series of Public Hearings and Community Meetings at locations throughout the city. The Public Hearings and Community Meetings will discuss community development needs, goals and objectives, neighborhood priorities, division accomplishments and receive comments and input from attendees. No Votes or Actions will be taken. Staff welcomes citizen participation and encourages everyone to attend a meeting nearest you. Please see the session schedule for information or contact 325-437-4576.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Health Department

Conference Room- 850 North 6th Street, Abilene, TX 79601

COMMUNITY MEETING #1 Monday, March 27, 2023 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

Cesar Chavez Rec Center

2250 Ambler Ave.

Abilene, TX 79603

COMMUNITY MEETING #2 Tuesday, March 28, 2023 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Grace Fellowship-Prayer Room

425 Highland Ave (Off S. 3rd)

Abilene, TX 79605

COMMUNITY MEETING #3 Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Cobb Park Rec Center

2302 State St.

Abilene, TX 79603

COMMUNITY MEETING #4 Monday, April 3, 2023 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

GV Daniels

541 N 8th St.

Abilene, TX 79601

COMMUNITY MEETING #5 Tuesday April 4, 2023 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Mockingbird Library-Activity Room

1326 N. Mockingbird St.

Abilene, TX 79603

COMMUNITY MEETING #6 Thursday, April 6, 2023 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Rose Park Rec Center

2601 S. 7th St.

Abilene, TX 79605

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