

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (NAC)
City of Carrollton

Thursday, June 12, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Council Briefing Room
Carrollton City Hall
1945 E. Jackson Road

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission of the City of Carrollton convened on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Chair Mel Chadwick, Vice Chair Pam Mulligan, Commissioner Nancy Putnam, Commissioner Jeff Van Matre, Commissioner Marilyn Roppolo, Commissioner Joseph Marquez, Commissioner Armando Perez, Commissioner Eric Dick and Commissioner Anil Joseph. City staff present: Scott Hudson, Environmental Services Director, Brian Passwaters, Community Services Manager, Tanya Ferencak, Sr. Community Development Program Specialist and Meagan Tucker, Community Development Specialist.

Chair Chadwick called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Chair Chadwick introduced Jen Garner of BBC Research and Consulting. He then asked guests at the meeting to introduce themselves to the commission.

I. PY 2014 CDBG Public Hearing:

Chair Chadwick opened the public hearing. Ms. Garner explained that Carrollton is required to submit the Consolidated Plan to HUD in order to receive the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, which has averaged \$730,000.00 a year. The Consolidated Plan will identify the needs of the community to HUD and how the dollars received will go toward implementing strategies to address those needs. She then gave an overview of the plan and answered questions.

Ms. Garner asked for input from the commissioners and guests on what they consider the greatest needs in Carrollton. Marisol Gil shared her concerns for the streets in the Jackson Arms neighborhood that have deteriorated over the last 10 years. Mr. Hudson said that the neighborhood was near the top on the N.O.T.I.C.E. list for construction. Suzanna Dooling was in favor of raising the cap for CDBG funding, especially for those with disabilities who have to have modifications made outside and/or inside their home. Another resident asked about forming a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Tucker responded with information about a previous and an upcoming project with Habitat for Humanity. Carol Blase suggested workout stations, lighting around Josey Ranch Lake and alley replacement on Baxley Drive.

Other resident suggestions included:

- Community gardens, tree planning, rain barrels and recycle bins.
- Access to public transportation from CDBG neighborhoods
- Traffic light and/or crosswalk on Keller Springs at the Senior Center and Josey Ranch Library.
- Furneaux greenbelt lighting
- More investment in CDBG neighborhoods
- Housing rehabilitation for home ownership
- Youth leagues at pocket parks
- Mental health support

Ms. Garner thanked all for their input and said that a draft plan would be available within 3-6 weeks for additional public comment.

Chair Chadwick closed the public hearing.

II. Neighborhood Mentoring Program:

Commissioner Joseph presented his mentoring report.

Ms. Ferencak announced the Neighborhood Pack the Parks event is scheduled for July 12, 2014 and the registration fee is \$25.00.

Vice Chair Mulligan reviewed the final agenda for the Fall Citizen's Event/Boards & Commissions Meet and Greet on September 29, 2014. The theme is "Together We Can Make A Difference".

III. Program Updates:

Ms. Ferencak announced that Savoy II and Parkside Estates have applied for an NEMGP and would probably be on the August agenda.

Ms. Tucker reported they are in the process of working on the environmental review for the Hill n' Dale N.O.T.I.C.E. Program. She said after HUD has reviewed it then work with Parks Department can begin.

Ms. Tucker reported they would be working with Habitat for Humanity to paint a home on June 14, 2014.

Mr. Passwaters reviewed the code enforcement report. He reported that the CDBG Code Enforcement Officer closed 154 cases in May 2014. In total, Code Enforcement Officers closed 1,600 cases in May 2014. He reported he was still looking into the missing "No Parking" signs in Northcrest Estates.

IV. Neighborhood Enhancement Matching Grant (NEMG):

Chair Chadwick highlighted items that have been approved for recommendation to Council.

- 2 to 1 matching grant (65% City/35% Homeowner)
- Planning portion cannot be more than 25% of the total sweat equity cap
- Application for grants will be presented in January, April and August
- Approval form to determine if application meets the criteria
- Recommendation to raise the grant maximum to \$10,000.00
- Raise the annual funding allotment to \$45,000.00

The commission reviewed the new application packet. Vice Chair Mulligan made a motion to approve the NEMG Application. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roppolo made a motion for the 2 to 1 matching grant to be 65% City/35% Homeowner. Commissioner Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Review the Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Meeting:

Vice Chair Mulligan made a motion to approve the May 8, 2014 minutes as presented. Commissioner Roppolo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Visitors Comments & Other Business:

Ms. Ferencak reviewed the agenda for the July 10, 2014 NAC Tour.

Commissioner Putnam asked what options there are for homeless people in Carrollton. Mr. Passwaters and Mr. Hudson explained the police and city's role when they do find a homeless person.

Councilmember Andonian reminded all of the July 4th Fireworks at Josey Ranch Lake.

Chair Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mel Chadwick, Chair
Neighborhood Advisory Commission

Scott Hudson
Environmental Services Director