



FY20 Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Applicant Presentation Session #3

Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Attendees

CAC Members

Tyler Allen
Michael Bentley
Joshua Gonzalez
Nora Katzenberger
Peter Mapley
Faith Noble
Mary Kinney Piunno
Lee Silvis
Maureen Sweeney
Sara Tillie
Tanya Wagner

City Staff

Dan Wyman, Development Officer
Bryce Sylvester, Director of Planning & Development
Mary Leigh, Programs Manager
Katelyn Milius, City Planner

I. FY20 Funding Applicant Presentation Session #3

A. Lakewood Department of Public Works

City Engineer Mark Papke described and answered questions regarding the Department of Public Works' \$460,000 FY20 Community Development Block Grant request to support its Low-Moderate Income Area Street Resurfacing Program.

Mr. Papke explained the standardized Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) system the Department of Public Works utilizes to prioritize street improvement projects then described the department's plans to resurface Ridgewood, Bayes, and Athens avenues and replace the Idlewood Avenue water main utilizing CDBG funds in 2020.

B. Lakewood Division of Community Development

Mary Leigh, Programs Manager in Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development, described and answered questions regarding the Division of Community Development's request for \$150,000 in FY20 Community Development Block Grant funds to support the Property Revitalization (\$100,000), Home Improvement Grant (\$50,000), and HOME Activity Delivery (\$20,000) affordable housing programs as well as the division's \$175,000 request to support the Commercial Property Revitalization (Storefront) Program.

Property Revitalization Program

Ms. Leigh described the program's efforts to preserve the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households by acquiring and rehabilitating vacant and foreclosed homes and selling them to LMI households.

Home Improvement Grant

Ms. Leigh described the program's provision of rebates to low- and moderate-income homeowners making repairs that bring the exterior of their home into compliance with the City's building code noting that participants must complete the work utilizing their own financial resources then receive 50% of eligible costs up to \$10,000 back in the form of a rebate.

HOME Activity Delivery

Ms. Leigh described how HOME Activity Delivery allow the City to cover HOME Program administrative costs with CDBG funds.

Commercial Property Revitalization Program

Ms. Leigh described how the program provides businesses located on Detroit and Madison avenues with rebates up to 40% of total costs on façade renovation and code correction projects.

She emphasized the program's effectiveness rehabilitating properties along Lakewood's commercial corridors by helping business owners make much needed improvements that bring their properties into compliance with the City's building code while preserving Lakewood's historic streetcar characteristics.

Finally, Ms. Leigh discussed and answered questions regarding the significant decrease in Storefront rebates issued in 2019 and the Division's plans to reinvigorate the program in FY20 and beyond.

C. Lakewood Department of Planning & Development

Bryce Sylvester, Lakewood's Director of Planning & Development, and City Planner Katelyn Milius described and answered questions regarding the following FY20 CDBG funding requests.

- CDBG/ESG Administration (\$100,000/\$5,000)
- Project Pride Code Enforcement (\$80,000)
- Kauffman Park Improvements (\$200,000)
- Madison Park Improvements (\$60,000)
- Clifton Prado Park Improvements (\$30,000)
- Detroit-Sloane Gateway Improvements (\$100,000)
- Fire Station #2 Expansion Land Acquisition (\$100,000)
- Cove Church Asbestos Remediation (\$75,000)

II. Business Meeting

- CAC Chair Lee Silvis called the new business portion of CAC Session #3 to order and called the roll.
- A motion to approve the 10.9.19 CAC Session #2 Minutes was made, seconded, and the Session #2 minutes were approved.
- Mr. Dan Wyman discussed the methodology utilized by the City to “right-size” CDBG budget line-items, ensuring these funds are expended 1) in a timely fashion; 2) on high-impact programs and projects that satisfy high-priority community needs; and 3) in compliance with HUD rules and regulations.
- Mr. Silvis requested a motion to adjourn FY20 CAC Session #3. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Approved



Lee Silvis, Chair

Date

10/24/19