

CDBG STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 8:15 am

Meeting Room – City Hall Annex

Gardner, Massachusetts

Committee Members present: Joshua Cormier-Chairperson, Christian Orobello, Deb Hubbard, Jennifer Susen-Roy, and Sandra Mullins.

Committee Members absent: Julie Meehan, Jeffrey Cooke, and Trevor Beauregard

Others present: Katie Medina-DCDP

J. Cormier opened the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

J. Cormier pointed out the Open Meeting Announcements posted at the two entrances in the meeting room.

1. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of January 24, 2017

J. Susen-Roy/S. Mullins

Motion to accept minutes of January 27, 2017

S. Mullins/J. Susen-Roy

All in favor.

2. Old Business:

2.1 BG17

J. Cormier informed everyone that the design and construction of 32 Parker Street was approved by DHCD with the national objective for the project being slum and blight. He doesn't see any issues with meeting the 18 month deadline for this project.

J. Cormier added we received news that instead of applying for \$825,000 like we had originally thought, we are only allowed to ask for \$775,000. In years past, we were allowed to ask for 18% for General Admin but that has now gone down to 15%. We will have to adjust our figures and will end up probably taking the money out of Demo.

J. Cormier said the Target Areas for the BG17 will be the Downtown Urban Renewal Area and Mill Street Corridor. He added we can use spot areas for Demo money.

Motion to accept the Target Areas as the Downtown Urban Renewal Area and Mill Street Corridor

C. Orobello/D. Hubbard

All in favor.

3. New Business:

3.1 Financial Summary

J. Cormier provided a brief update on the outstanding Block Grants. BG14 has been completed and we are just waiting on a claim to be received by the City in order to finish closing it out. For BG15, the demo at 56 Nichols Street has been completed. National Grid needs to cut electricity at the Theater Building in order to begin demolition. The Skate Park's Design has been approved and will begin construction in April.

BG16 contracts for all Social Services have been received. Mass Historic had some minor issues with the building for Gardner Travel. NewVue hasn't acquired the building yet for their project.

4. Announcements and Recognitions:

No Announcements and/or Recognitions.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

S. Mullins/J. Susen-Roy

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

Minutes from meeting of January 24th, 2017.

Minutes from meeting of January 27th, 2017.

Sign In Sheet for February 21st, 2017.

Meeting notes taken by K. Medina

All documents are filed in the Office of Community Development and Planning, 115 Pleasant Street, Room 202, Gardner, MA 01440.