

**ORMOND BEACH
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 24, 2020
City Hall Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, FL**

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Members present were: Frank Ganz, David Glasser, Josh Pringle, Matthew Shapiro and Margaret Sharifi.

Staff present were: Grants Coordinator Loretta Moisio, Principal Landscape Architect Cara Culliver and Recording Secretary Shā Moss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2020

Mr. Shapiro moved, seconded by Mr. Glasser to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Mr. Pringle noted that they do not have the allocation amount from Volusia County yet so the Board would work with the amount used last year of \$150,000 wherein 15% can be used for public services and the remaining balance of about \$127,000 used for capital improvement projects.

Buck James, Executive Director of Halifax Urban Ministries/Hope Place, stated the City of Ormond Beach has supported Hope Place in the past with CDBG funding and last year the funds were used for operational expenses. He noted they served low to moderate income individuals and families as well as unaccompanied youth at Hope Place. Hope Place has been operational for about two years and has served 130 families with children and 86% have successfully moved into permanent housing; however, the numbers are not the same for the unaccompanied youth and there is a big need.

Last year, there were 30 unaccompanied youth at Hope Place and momentum is building, so having additional funding would allow Hope Place to move forward and do more with them. He noted most of them have aged out of foster care and have gone through a significant part of their life bouncing from one foster home to another. When

they turn 18 and the funding stops going to the families taking care of them, they usually become homeless. These youths deserve more of an opportunity. They do get some funding from the State to be able to earn a degree, but they also need stable housing. Hope Place provides stable housing with three meals a day and any other support they need to be successful.

Ms. Sharifi asked if the State provides funds for housing as well.

Mr. James answered that a few of them have some personal funds, but Hope Place houses them regardless of their contribution. He noted that the youth can also save money because they have no expenses while at Hope Place. Hope Place also assists them with some moving expenses. All of the residents receive financial training related to budgeting. In addition, they also learn food preparation and nutrition skills.

Mr. James stated they have also opened a facility called The Barracks, for veterans at Hope Place. They served 52 veterans and 32 have moved into permanent housing so far.

Mr. Pringle thanked Mr. James for his public service request and presentation.

Shannon McLeish, 25 Live Oak Avenue, stated she was suggesting bench swings on the water front. She noticed them in other states and thought it would be a good draw for the City. They could be placed in front of City Hall or under the bridge or by Bailey Riverbridge. She also asked for speed bumps on Beach Street.

Mr. Pringle stated that speed bumps would not be something that the Board would be able to do with CDBG funds, but the bench swing idea was interesting.

Ms. McLeish also noted she was a member of CFOB and at the meeting where Mr. Pringle made a presentation, and asked if someone from the Board could do a presentation to Ormond MainStreet.

Mr. Glasser asked how many swings were being requested.

Ms. McLeish answered just a few to start around the bridge and maybe more interest would generate more bench swings.

DISCUSSION

CDBG Process Overview CDBG Annual Plan – FY 2020-2021

Mr. Pringle stated other requests may be received prior to the next meeting when the Board will make their recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING on CDBG program activities, budgeting and planning for the FY 2020-2021 Annual Plan

Mr. Pringle opened the Public Hearing for Board comments and introduced Principal Landscape Architect Cara Culliver and noted that she put together some projects that were brought to her for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Culliver discussed each project:

Central Park I (Fleming) Playground – to install new playground equipment for ages 5-12, replacing the old equipment, a poured in place rubber surface and concrete curbing around the edge, a new 5' sidewalk connecting to the existing sidewalk. The cost is estimated at \$98,000.

Mr. Glasser asked if this was new equipment for the playground; wherein Ms. Culliver answered that it was new equipment.

EDC Pavilion and Sidewalk Connection – to install a new 28' X 28' square wood laminated picnic pavilion with standing seam metal roofing to match the existing EDC building. A new sidewalk connection would be added to tie into the existing one. The cost was estimated at \$90,000.

Mr. Glasser asked whether the pavilion request was from one of the residents.

Ms. Culliver stated this was a Leisure Services Department request. It was something that was in the original plans but was removed because of cost.

EDC Wood Boardwalk Connection to Floating Island – install one 6' wide boardwalk connection on the west side of the existing building that would connect to the existing floating island that would become the future outdoor learning area. A new sidewalk connection would lead from the boardwalk to the existing sidewalk. The cost was estimated at \$100,000

Forest Hills Sidewalks (both sides of street) – remove and upgrade sidewalks to ADA 5' wide and construct new ramp transitions from sidewalk to the street. The project would need to be broken down and completed in segments as the overall cost is estimated at \$1,124,000.

Mr. Pringle noted that the sidewalks in that area were not ADA compliant.

Mr. Glasser asked if we had to do all the sidewalks.

Ms. Culliver stated that they could do one street at a time or one side of the street at a time.

Mr. Pringle stated now that the Forest Hills Trail is completed to Granada Boulevard and connecting to Tomoka Elementary School, the residents would like new sidewalks.

Mr. Shapiro asked if a certain amount could be given as long as the project occurred in the fiscal year.

Mr. Pringle stated we try to fund a project completely, and if there are excess funds put it toward another project.

Ms. Moisio stated the funds have to be spent in the current year which is especially important should the CDBG priority map change. It would also be a good idea to determine if the residents want new sidewalks.

Tree Planting – east-west streets south of Granada Boulevard to Division Avenue and from US1 to South Beach Street have lost the majority of their canopy trees. The cost is estimated at \$100,000 per street.

Mr. Pringle suggested the Board drive through the areas of the projects listed so that they can get an idea of what they would like to recommend.

Mr. Ganz noted the Rotary Club was developing a project at the four corners of the Granada Bridge. They recently had the groundbreaking at the Fortunato Park location and it has been fully funded. He wanted to see if that project could be considered as one of the projects for recommendation. The total project cost is about \$175,000 and they have so far raised \$92,500. Advent Health is a sponsor and it is hoped that they continue their sponsorship and there are a couple grants they are looking into receiving. The project would be ADA compliant. The Rotary Club is undertaking the work and donating the equipment back to the City. They are using Game Time as their contractor.

Ms. Moisio stated that CDBG funds are tied to the Davis Bacon Act, so projects would have to follow the HUD Guidelines, such as certified weekly payroll and specific language in the solicitation documents. If you receive \$50,000 from CDBG and \$50,000 from your group, the entire project would fall under the HUD/Davis Bacon Act guidelines.

Mr. Ganz asked if only one portion or one phase be considered would that make a difference.

Ms. Moisio stated that the City would manage the project and would have to go through all the proper channels as a HUD project.

Ms. Culliver stated it would have to go through the bid process even if they are currently using a specific contractor.

Mr. Ganz stated as far as payroll, would they manage anyone on the project, wherein Ms. Moisio stated that they would, to include any sub-contractors.

Mr. Pringle closed the Public Hearing.

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 23, 2020

Mr. Pringle stated at the next meeting the Board will review any additional public service requests and capital improvement projects and the Board will make its recommendations. He stated Ms. Culliver should have information regarding the bench swing request from Ms. McLeish at the meeting.

Ms. Moisio stated she should have the allocation amount by the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shā Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Josh Pringle, Chairman