

Minutes from the December 18, 2012 City Council Workshop  
CDBG/SSG Allocations

City Council: Pradel, Brodhead, Fieseler, Krause, Miller, Wehrli, Hinterlong, Chirico  
Staff: Krieger, Schatz, Ely, Marshall, Straczek, Laff, Novack

Workshop meeting opened at 6:07 p.m with an introduction by Mayor Pradel.

Deputy City Manager Marcie Schatz provided an overview of the purpose of the workshop and noted the importance of both the CDBG and SSG programs to the City and its residents, including this year's special allocation of \$50,000 for drug and suicide prevention programs.

Anna Straczek, Community Grants Coordinator, presented an overview of the CDBG and SSG program requirements and regulations, as well as and next steps, including the opening of the 30 day public comment period on the PY2013 Annual Action Plan on January 4, 2013 and the City Council public hearing on PY2013 Annual Action Plan on February 5, 2013.

CDBG – 12 applications submitted for a total funding request of \$740,000

SSG – 35 applications submitted for a total funding request of \$908,706

- 18 projects recommended for funding through SSG; 2 recommended for funding through CDBG

**General City Council Comments**

Wehrli – believes \$250,000 allocated towards SSG is not enough. Believes that additional dollars need to be added to this fund, particularly in light of the amount of money allocated towards SECA.

Fieseler - \$250,000 is equivalent to asking each Naperville household to contribute \$5 to this account. Believes that each of those residents should feel the benefit of their amount contributed. The City determines how to allocate this funding, once received, without resident input.

Miller – SECA is funded by taking 0.5% of sales tax and adding it to the general fund. That money could be reallocated towards social services.

Chirico - \$600,000 self-imposed Carillon payment could be split up over 2 years, thereby adding an additional \$300,000 to the SSG fund. This is particularly important given recent incidents in Naperville involving children, as well as Newtown, Connecticut. Wehrli indicated that he is not opposed to this idea, even though he is typically in support of paying Carillon debt off.

Krause – take 10% of SECA allocation and apply to SSG.

Fieseler – appropriate for City Manager to implement a proposal based on feedback City Council is providing at this workshop. Would like to see SSG fund increased to \$500,000.

Krieger – final payment due to Carillon is \$600,000. In February, City Council has a workshop to discuss other funds, including SECA. Staff can include a report for that workshop that provides options for additional SSG funding.

Miller – take 0.5% from SECA general fund and reallocate to SSG, as well as use a portion to pay off Carillon debt. Krieger to investigate possibility of this option.

Brodhead – staff to prepare details on 3 funding options presented by City Council tonight. Acknowledged that while SSG recipients will be pleased with reallocation, SECA recipients may not be. Inquired as to whether proposals discussed tonight may require SECA ordinance language to be amended. Krieger indicated that he will review SECA ordinance to determine if tweaks are needed; if needed, City Council is the body to amend this ordinance.

Wehrli – clarified that staff will come back with options for additional SSG dollars, but will not implement these changes in tonight's allocation.

Brodhead – clarified that any reallocation discussed will only pertain to the SSG program; CDBG funds will remain per the HUD allocation.

### **Staff Presentation of Recommended Allocations**

Schatz provided an overview of CDBG applications received, noting that a 2<sup>nd</sup> call for projects was made in November 2012 when applications received did not exhaust funds available.

- Projects include housing improvements, ADA improvements, and public services allocations (up to the 15% limitation).

Schatz provided an overview of the SSG applications received, noting that applications were received requesting funds in excess of those available.

- Provided an overview of \$50,000 SSG application specific to drug/suicide prevention. Noted that Chief Marshall reviewed applications with staff to ensure appropriateness/effectiveness of projects received. After reviewing applications and based on initial feedback from City Council, staff increased funding to \$73,000.
- Provided an overview of sidewalk repair and replacement cost-share test program. Noted that program may eventually be moved to CDBG if successful.

Chirico – requested that staff provide clarification regarding a City Council comment that recommended that funding be removed from Edward Foundation – Signs of Suicide. Requested City Council to reconsider and provide additional funding to this program, particularly given recent national events.

Fieseler – warned about the use of the “mean” vs. the “median” when considering City Council's input on additional funding allocations.

Brodhead – noticed ADA improvement markings on sidewalks at intersections in some neighborhoods. Are residents charged for these improvements? Novack clarified that intersection improvements are paid for 100% by City.

No other City Council comments provided.

*Workshop adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*