



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Council Session

Item E-6

Public Hearing on Progress of Current CDBG Activities

Council action will take place under Request and Referrals item H-5.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development
Meeting: March 22, 2016
Subject: Public Hearing on Progress of Current CDBG Activities
Presenter(s): Charley Falmlen, Community Development

Background

The City of Grand Island currently has five active Community Development Block Grants (CDBG.) As part of the City's Citizen Participation Plan for State CDBG Activities, the City is required to present a 2nd Public Hearing, in addition to the initial Public Hearing requesting approval for application.

The currently active CDBG grants are:

10-ED-010 – Economic Development of Platte Valley Industrial Park East
12-DTR-104 – Downtown Revitalization Phase II
13-CR-002 – Comprehensive Revitalization Phase I
13-CR-102 - Comprehensive Revitalization – Phase I Supplemental
14-CR-002 – Comprehensive Revitalization – Phase II

Discussion

An overview of all active CDBG projects will be elaborated on in the slide show presentation.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Accept the report on the Progress of Current CDBG Activities.
2. Do not accept the report of the Progress of Current CDBG Activities.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the report on Progress of Current CDBG Activities.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the report of the Progress of Current CDBG Activities.

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Progress of CDBG Activities

Objective

To inform the public of the current status of CDBG activities and projects in the City of Grand Island.

The State requires the City to hold one public hearing during the progress of CDBG projects as a matter of due diligence to the public in regard to the use of these Federal funds.

ACTIVE CDBG GRANTS

GRANT	AMOUNT	USE	CLOSEOUT
10-ED-010	\$935,000	PVIP - EAST	3-25-2017
12-DTR-104	\$370,000	KC PLAZA & DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUND GRANT (TCB)	4-12-2016
13-CR-002 & SUPPLEMENTAL	\$530,000	4 TH STREET & LION'S CLUB PARK	9-29-2016
14-CR-002	\$220,000	4 TH STREET & LION'S CLUB PARK	9-29-2016

10-ED-010

This grant provided funds to develop infrastructure at Platte Valley Industrial Park - East

- Conditional Grant which requires the creation of 37 jobs made available to Low-Moderate Income individuals
- Hendrix – ISA secured as business January 2016
- Community Development Division currently working with EDC to ensure proper documentation of job creation
- Extension will be required – as jobs must be documented in place for one full year

12-DTR-104

This grant provided funding for development of Downtown Initiatives

- ☛ KC Plaza (primarily CDBG Funds) completed in October 2015
- ☛ The Chocolate Bar Awarded Downtown Revitalization Grant in November 2015
- ☛ The Chocolate Bar finished construction on March 16, 2016
- ☛ Project closeout to happen within next 20 days.

13-CR-002, 13-CR-102 & 14-CR-002

- Originally granted to do Owner Occupied Rehab (OOR) and Storm Sewers along 4th & 5th Street
- Project has changed greatly in scope, little interest in OOR
- Project directed towards ADA ramps and sidewalks along 4th & 5th Street
- Project currently being re-designed in house to include Lion's Club Park updates
- Construction to begin Spring 2016

Overview

With the exception of documenting job creation for 10-ED-010, the Community Development Division intends to have all CDBG projects with the State closed out before the transition to the Entitlement model becomes active on October 1, 2016.

Despite having a closed status, the Community Development Division will have onsite and desktop monitoring visits from the State past the point of grant closeout.