



**Community Services Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

MEETING PLACE/DATE:

Wednesday, February 20, 2024

In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting

American Lake Conference Room, City Hall Lobby

6000 Main St SW Lakewood, WA 98499

5:30-6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Kyle Franklin called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Community Services Advisory Board Members Present:

Kyle Franklin, Michael LaCadie, Darrin Lowry, Denise Nicole Franklin and Shelby Taylor

Community Services Advisory Board Members Excused:

Edith Owen-Wallace and Laurie Maus

Staff: Shannon Bennett provided staff support

Guests:

None

Youth Council Liaison:

Ariano Melo, Reinida Benavente and Bentley Webster

Council Liaison:

Michael Brandstetter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 15 and January 17 minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair and Vice-Chair Election

Kyle was nominated as Chair and Darrin was nominated as Vice-Chair. Both were unanimously voted in.

CDBG-Review of draft 2024 Action Plan

Jeff Gumm presented on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. Jeff told members a community needs consultant will be hired for the 5-year consolidated plan. CM Brandstetter suggested the consultant target CDBG qualified neighborhoods to pull community input. Denise shared that food and raffle will bring people to the community meetings. Jeff said he gets much interest for rental assistance so maybe TBRA is an option. Denise asked if education could be covered and if housing voucher assistance could get matching funds. Jeff agreed they could and suggested there be further conversation about it. Jeff asked members to share their questions and thoughts during the meeting and beyond. CM Brandstetter suggested we focus the funds on need gaps. Jeff suggested more focus on housing, to include emergency rental assistance programs.

CDBG-Public Hearing for 2024 Action Plan

Kyle opened the public hearing at 5:30pm. No public was present, so the comment period was immediately closed and no input was received.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Members discussed issuing a Request for Qualification (RFQ) seeking a community needs consultant to work on the fiscal year 2025 CDBG 5 YR consolidated plan and the opioid settlement funds, with the opioid funds having a separate and specific scope of work. If this route is taken, the RFQ is anticipated to be released in summer of 2024, with work starting in the fall of the same year and wrap up and a recommendation presented to Council in spring of 2025.

CM Brandstetter suggested the community needs research specific to use of the opioid funds should reflect what the data and analysis show of how the epidemic is impacting our community and that the Council is not in a hurry to spend the funds, but rather, wants to ensure they're spent well and is looking to CSAB to feed the process.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS: Denise Nicole Franklin presented the Palmer Scholars annual report. May 16th at McGavick Center annual Stand Up and Cheer, a Toast to New Beginnings.

MEETING ADJOURN: Kyle Franklin adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

March 20, 2024, from 5:30-6:30PM



Kyle Franklin, Chair



Shannon Bennett, Staff Person