



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2020 Oral Presentations
September 12, 2019
Council Chambers**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Ron HUE called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was met.

ATTENDANCE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ron Hue, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gary Earp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bobbie Littrell, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vel Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Pocasangre	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christy Watts	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Donner	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Evans, Block Grant Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Palmer, Director Management Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Lee, City Council Liaison

INTRODUCTIONS

Ron Hue and the Committee members introduced themselves to the audience and began the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not presented for approval at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

COK Public Works Public Pathway Edison to Union Streets - \$299,000: Heath Mellotte requested funding to construct a 12-foot wide paved pathway between Union Street and Edison Street on KID right-of-way. Bollards, chain link fencing and signage will be installed to control non-motorized usage of the path. An agreement between KID and the City will be in place before construction beings.

COK Parks & Recreation Underwood Park - \$154,060: Emily Estes-Cross requested funding to install a new play structure, basketball court, shade structure and signage at the park which is located at 2020 W. 7th Avenue and serves approximately 1,600 residents in its census tract block. 45% of the families in that block are below poverty level. The elements Ms. Estes-Cross considered the most important for funding are: \$47,000 basketball court / \$9,000 signage

COK Parks & Recreation Monopoly Park - \$100,645: Emily Estes-Cross requested funding to install improvements at the park located at 825 S. Date Street which serves approximately 1,600 residents in its census tract block. The playground is one of the most outdated in the city and has non-appealing toys for children or family play. The project would install new play structures that are vandalism impervious, a drinking fountain and picnic shelter and signage.

Kennewick Housing Authority Micro Homes - \$160,614.52: Lona Hammer requested funding to install City required infrastructure improvements within the City right-of-way to support the construction of a 16-unit micro home neighborhood at 128 E. 13th Avenue. No onsite improvements would be made with the funds.

COK Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarships - \$34,000: Emily Estes-Cross requested funding for the Youth Scholarship program that is run through the recreation department. Low- moderate-income youth are given opportunities to participate in a variety of sports and activities that run twelve months of the year. These include swimming, martial arts, dance, team sports, etc.

ARC Therapeutic Recreation Scholarships - \$23,000: Donna Tracy requested funds to provide young adults with developmental disabilities who reside in the City with recreational opportunities. Activities can include summer day camps, cooking classes, swimming, social events, etc. The program reduces isolation for disabled individuals and encourages personal care and cognitive assistance to reduce barriers to the community.

Senior Life Resources Meals on Wheels - \$20,520: Kristi Thien requested funds to purchase food that will be served to seniors who need help accessing nutritious meals. They target seniors who are over age 75 or are low-income, minority or speak limited English. Home delivery is offered to home bound clients as well as a social dining experience for those who are able to travel to the Kennewick Community/Senior Center.

IMPACT! Compassion Center COMPASS Life Assessment - \$94,228: Jennifer Felicitas requested funding to hire two staff members and to fund operation and transportation costs associated with assisting homeless/individuals/families.

At the end of the oral presentations, Committee members deliberated the merits of funding each of the proposed projects before agreeing to the following outcome:

Facility/Infrastructure Improvements		Public Service	
\$299,000	COK Pathway	\$34,000	COK Youth Scholarships
\$ 56,000	COK Underwood Park	\$23,000	ARC Scholarships
\$101,000	COK Monopoly Park	\$23,000	Meals on Wheels
\$161,000	KHA Micro Homes		

Ron Hue requested a motion for funding the above projects as deliberated – Bobbie Littrell moved and Bruce Donner seconded the motion to approve funding as noted. The vote in favor of the above funding was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.