



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Thursday, July 10, 2014

6:00 PM

Kosciusko Community Center  
Room 108  
2201 S. 7th Street

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### Special Public Hearing

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

*Meeting convened: 6:12 P.M.*

**Present** 4 - Davis, Perez, Zielinski, Stamper

**Excused** 1 - Wade

1. [140285](#)

Resolution relative to the establishment of the Year 2015 Funding Allocation Plan.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Davis

*Ald. Davis explained the purpose of this meeting.*

*Steve Mahan gave a verbal presentation on community block grant funding.*

*Public Testimony:*

- 1. Daniel Avant - he was a participant in the Driver's License Recovery Program, which helped him reduce his ticket amounts as well as fight them.*
- 2. Audra O'Connell - she is from Impact 2-1-1 and supports its coordinated entry to homeless shelter providers and standardized access and assessment system.*
- 3. Mike Hineberg - he is from Independence First and he sees a need for more affordable and accessible housing.*
- 4. Julie Alexander - works at Independence First with individuals who are in nursing homes who often want to move to homes, but there is a lack of affordable and accessible houses.*
- 5. Tim Baack - Interim CEO of Pathfinders and Chair of the Shelter Task Force - he wants to see more funding for homeless shelters.*
- 6. Dale Nowakowski - chose not to speak.*
- 7. Linda Zinke - wants continued funding for Operation Impact, Safe and Sound and the Milwaukee Christian Center.*
- 8. Marina Borges - supports the Southside Organizing Committee (SOC) and particularly likes its translation services.*
- 9. Madeline Fuentes - supports SOC as it acts as a liaison with the police and also listens and responds to residents.*

10. *Dorothy Kamanda - supports Safe and Sound and has used its services in learning how to deal with trespassers and having a tree removed that fell on her house.*
11. *Jaime Alvarado - Board member of the Nonprofit Center - he is happy for past support, but would like more support now and in the future. The Nonprofit Center serves as a one-stop shop for meeting many needs and leverages \$10 for every dollar that community development block grant invests.*
12. *John Fleet - Milwaukee Christian Center employee*
13. *Derrick Holloway - involved with the Milwaukee Christian Center Youth Build program after his release from prison. He is learning to build a house, as well as getting his GED.*
14. *Brian Peters - employee at Independence First and as part of his job he tries to find affordable and accessible housing, which needs will only be increasing as the population ages. He is also familiar with the concerns of the homeless and he supports programs that assist those individuals.*
15. *Felisia Wild - just opened a new business at 35th and National which is a small-scale manufacturing business employing three people. Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN) and Impact7 made this possible.*
16. *Barb Kuenig - Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Director - WWBI assists small businesses in getting started. She provided a handout, which is attached to the file.*
17. *Nicole Yunk Todd - represents the Center for Driver's License Recovery and said that almost 3,000 people have gotten their licenses since they began in 2007. She read a statement from a client that could not attend tonight's meeting.*
18. *Lamont Davis - represents Community First and said that all NIP providers are having a hard time finding funds as they each try to work together to help clients. He is seeing the existence of fewer NIPs and more demand.*
19. *David Janus - chose not to speak.*
20. *Jeff Martinka - Executive Director of Neighborhood House and he would like to see continued support of youth services.*
21. *Shawn Moore - works with many coalitions and funds should be allocated based on results, not numbers.*
22. *Shannon Reed - will e-mail in his comments.*
23. *Kayeng Xiong - Hmong American Friendship Association - supports CSI, which is an anti-drug and anti-violence program and asks that this program be funded.*
24. *Matt Melendez - United Methodist Children's Services - the three main needs that his clients have are for housing, safety and employment. They are helping families with home improvement needs.*
25. *Barbara McKillop - grant write at Social Development Commission who is also involved with Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN) and SOC; she finds it frustrating with the lack of NIP funds.*
26. *Scott Slaski - wants support for programs aimed at children as these types of programs helped him when he was young. He's concerned about undocumented individuals who are driving with no licenses and no insurance and the fact that SOC is assisting these individuals in driving. He would like more funds spent on veterans.*
27. *Charlotte John Gomez - Executive Director of LBWN and she thanks the city for its continued support. She would like to have organizations be paid even if the employees are not in the block grant areas and she also supports the Nonprofit Center and creating a new pool of funds just for roofs and also return the community organizing funding back to \$1 million.*
28. *Jim Gambon - Social Development Commission's housing manager - housing is a major need with dollars continually being stretched and trying to coordinate among funds as much as possible.*
29. *Maria Monge - Committee member of SOC - thanks the city for its past support and would like more support in the future for children and safety issues. Many Hispanics have small businesses and pay taxes.*

30. Ben Gramling - Director of Environmental Health at the 16th Street Community Health Center - their clients have many health needs and he particularly likes SOC and the Milwaukee Christian Center Youth Build in their work of improving the Kinnickinnic corridor.

31. Rebecca Arcos - La Luz Del Mundo Family Services, which offers a batterers' service for men, parenting services and also Spanish-language services.

32. Stephanie Harling - Director of Havenwoods - the economic development funding at \$500,000 is way too low. Economic opportunity will decrease the need for other services.

33. Tom Tong Va - he and his parents were refugees and the Lao Family and Low Income Counseling helped him and his parents. He'd like more money for Lao Services, safer neighborhoods so kids can attend and focus on school, more police patrolling neighborhoods on foot and also more funding for food pantries.

34. Steve Adams - Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission - SEWRPC is planning for the future and has been working with six agencies funded by CDBG funds.

**A motion was made by Russell Stamper that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Perez, Zielinski and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Wade

2. [140284](#)

Resolution relative to the establishment of the five year, 2015-2019, Consolidated Strategy and Plan for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Davis

**A motion was made by Russell Stamper that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Davis, Perez, Zielinski and Stamper

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Wade

*Meeting adjourned: 7:50 P.M.  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*