

Elmer, Linda

From: Mark <mnicbear@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: reappointment of Steve Mahan as Block Grant Director

Dear Honorable Members of the Community & Economic Development Committee:

I support the reappointment of Steve Mahan as Block Grant Director. He has developed innovative funding proposals and understands community issues. His experience will be especially valuable as federal funding becomes more important to the City's future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elmer, Linda

From: Martha Rogers <merogers87@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Re: 2009 City's Block Grant Director
Attachments: resume.pdf

Thank you for Mr Mahan's resume. I learned about Rust College. Laudable. He seems to be a dedicated public servant.

I don't know if a block grant director gets involved in evictions. But if the position does it seems to me that anything that can be done to lessen the onerous yoke of an evetion on ones record & future renting would be good for economic development via block grants.

My 2 cents.

Sincerely,
Martha.

Martha E. Rogers
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On Jun 24, 2020, at 8:57 AM, Elmer, Linda <elmer@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

There is a resume in the file (attached for you).

From: Martha Rogers [<mailto:merogers87@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:05 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: 2009 City's Block Grant Director

Dear Council,

Regarding the appointment of Steve Mahan as City's Block Grant Director: while I'm heartened to learn of the Common Council's decision to seek community input I'm dismayed by the short notice. Decision 6/16, e-notification sent 6/23, committee meeting today, 6/24. And then there's this: ordinary citizens just do not know the quality of individuals. How can input be made without any vitae given out? I hope the people who do know Mr. Mahan offer wise input. I also hope that my critique of the process is heard:

-A wee bit more time please.
-A bio/vitae of the person.

Thank you. And good luck to you.

Sincerely,
Martha E Rogers

Elmer, Linda

From: Pamela Halfmann <pamela000407@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Re: Appt of Steve Mahan

Oh no sorry I didn't lol! Ok yes I definitely assumed he was since he was giving more grants to white organizations. I still do think there should be someone in the position who works more with the African American organizations to make sure they get the majority of grants in African American communities. Could you add these comments? My bad, definitely a case of you know what happens when you assume.

On Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 9:29 AM Elmer, Linda <lelmer@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

I added this to the file, but are you aware Mr. Mahan is African American?



From: Pamela Halfmann [<mailto:pamela000407@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:13 AM
To: Elmer, Linda
Subject: Appt of Steve Mahan

Ok, well, under Mr. Mahan, the majority of CDBGs were awarded to white led organizations even when they were in African American communities. Why? Black leaders don't like this, and I agree. Mr. Mahan said maybe it was because black led organizations have a harder time obtaining the liability insurance. Hmmmm...wonder why? Oh yeah because Racism. This is unacceptable. Yeah, it's harder for African Americans to get pretty much everything because Racism. Oh boo hoo Mr. Mahan, does that mean you'll have to work a little harder to be a white ally and make sure these black organizations get what they deserve? Yes, and if you can't you need to get out of the fucking way. Maybe this should go to an African American who has experience in running an organization that was successful in getting block grants. It's always easier for white people to go with who they know and who they know is white people. Not acceptable. Thanks, Pam Halfmann

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