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Meeting Minutes

HOUSING TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD

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**Swarnjit Arora, Ald. Robert Bauman, Toni Biscobing,
Nicholas DeFino, Fred Hannah, James Hiller, Jim Mathy,
Brian Peters, and Kori Schneider Peragine**

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Thursday, October 8, 2015

11:00 AM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting called to order at 11:03 A.M.

1. Roll call and approval of previous meeting minutes.

Ald. Bauman moved, seconded by Mr. Peters approval of the minutes of July 9, 2015 minutes. There were no objections.

Present 8 - Murphy, Bauman, VACANCY, Peters, Mathy, Schneider Peragine, DeFino and Gosman

Absent 1 - Haywood Sr.

Excused 2 - Hiller and Biscobing

Also present:

Steven Mahan - Community Development Grant Administration Director

Maria Pellerin - CDGA

Mary Richardson - CDGA

Jeffrey Thomas - CDGA

Jeremy McKenzie - ACA

Mario Higgins - Mayor's Office Strong Neighborhoods program

Ms. Laura Rueth - sign interpreter

2. Review and approval of the recommendations submitted by the Technical Review Subcommittee.

Ms. White went over spreadsheet prepared by the Community Development Grant Administration (CDGA) showing all applications submitted and the recommendations of the Technical Review Subcommittee.

For the Homelessness category total amount available is \$165,000, committee recommended award in the amount of \$165,000 to Wisconsin Community Services for the Thurgood Marshall Apartments located at 1918 N. 6th Street

This is 24 one-bedroom units with on-site supportive services for homeless persons and those suffering from chronic alcoholism. Cardinal Capital Management is the development partner with WCS providing supportive services.

Mr. Mathy said that this is a new construction project that fits with the Milwaukee County initiative to reduce chronic homelessness. Its goal is to serve individuals living in the streets with chronic alcohol issues that can't make it into a traditional supportive housing. The County has invested \$520,000 for construction and a minimum of \$300,000 of tax levied dollars for services. Construction completion goal is September 2016. Ald. Coggs, representative of the district is supportive of this project.

*In contrast, Mr. DeFino said that the Center for Veteran's Issues still had pending projects reason why it was not selected
Mr. Defino moved, seconded by Mr. Mathy approval of the Homelessness category. There were no objections.*

For the Rental Housing category total amount available is \$1,320,000, committee recommended award in the amount of \$220,000 to Wisconsin Community Services.

Mr. Defino moved, seconded by Ald. Bauman approval of the Rental Housing category. There were no objections.

For the Homeownership category total amount available is \$165,000, committee recommended award in the amount of \$25,000 to Community First, Layton Boulevard West Neighbors in the amount of \$40,000, Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$50,000, Rebuilding Together Milwaukee Greater Milwaukee in the amount of \$25,000, and Sherman Park Community Association in the amount of \$25,000.

Ald. Murphy asked Mr. Mahan for total dollar commitment, what is the leverage, how many jobs are projected to be create jobs and how many supportive housing units will be created for people who had been homeless.

*Ald. Murphy said that he is very supportive of what County Executive Able has done by targeting a very segmented population of the community that Ald. Bauman and Ald. Murphy are very familiar with, people that generally have mental health issues and are not getting the proper medication
or have other issues and they are on our streets. As a result, the Police Department becomes their social worker, MPD has expent an exorbitant amount of time dealing with a core group of individuals' issues. Past administration had no concern for these individuals. Ald. Murphy thanked all members serving on the board, the amount of money Housing Trust Fund contributes to these efforts, it does have a big leveraging effect, helping a lot of people.*

Ald. Bauman moved, seconded by Mr. Peters approval of the Homeownership category. There were no objections.

For the Homeownership-Mortgage Credit Counseling Services category total amount available is \$50,000, committee recommended award in the amount 50,000 to Greenpath, Inc.

Ald. Murphy said that in collaboration with Ald. Bauman and the Mayor have been working with a number of different groups to bring in outside dollars for mortgage credit counseling, how is this money related to any of these programs, Ald. Murphy asked.

Mr. Mahan said that it will be used as supplemental money for these types of services; Greenpath, Inc. has its own funding. this award would probably support one of their case manager.

Mr. Higgins on behalf of the Strong Neighborhood Programs from the Mayor's office, said that as he has been working with these types of agencies over the last year, he reassures the committee that it has been a great help.

Mr. Mahan thanked the Technical Subcommittee on their hard work reviewing and scoring all applications and making this process better.

*Ald. Bauman moved, seconded by Mr. DeFino approval of the Homeownership-Mortgage Credit Counseling Services.
There were no objections.*

3. Adjournment.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:33 A.M.
Joanna Polanco
Staff Assistant*