

**PUBLIC HEARING
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2017-2018
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT FY 2014-2015 AND 2015- 2016**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
Urbana Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana**

Minutes

Present: Fred Cobb, Jerry Moreland, Lauren Karplus, Anne Heinze Silvis, Janice Bengston, Michael Braun, Abdulhakeem Saalam and Karin Hodgkin-Jones, Community Development Commission

Present: Kelly Mierkowski, Matt Rejc, Don Ho Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana.

Others Present: Jason Greenly and Candace Godbolt from Courage Connection, Ben Lewis from Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County, Janice Parker from Navicore.

Notice of this public hearing was also placed on the City's website on March 10, 2017, along with the notice that the public comment period would begin March 27, 2017 and it will last for 30 days.

Chairperson Cobb called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and comments regarding the proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, as well as proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

Ms. Mierkowski explained that with regards to HOME and CDBG grants, all the proposed activities are adjusted to match the different estimated funding scenarios. HUD had suggested the Grants Management Division (GMD) to put different scenarios in the AAP and also to be prepared that the City may not be able to submit the APP in May like in the past. The reason is that the City does not have to do another 30-day period public hearing again when the allocation amount is revealed. It is still not clear when the GMD finds out the allocation amount for both grants.

Ms. Mierkowski then explained each different activity and its allocation under CDBG and HOME. CDBG activities include Administration (20%), Program Delivery, Public Service (15%), Emergency Grants, Access Grants and Property Acquisition. HOME activities include Administration (10%), City of Champaign portion, City of Urbana portion, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission portion. Budget scenario #1 shows no changes, budget scenario #2 shows a 10 percent reduction and budget scenario #3 shows a 10 percent increase.

Ms. Mierkowski mentioned the proposed amendment to the AAP 14-15 and AAP 15-16. She clarified that this is mostly carryover funds and related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) from three different agencies. These three agencies will also give out presentations to share what they

do and their missions right after Staff Report. The memo shows the amount that GMD is amending. Part of the money is from the City of Champaign and also part of the money is from the City of Urbana. Ms. Mierkowski then asked if anyone from the Community Development Commission or the audience had any questions.

Commissioner Karplus asked if GMD has heard anything about federal funding recently because of Urbana's status as a sanctuary city. Ms. Mierkowski said that there was not a lot of information out there. GMD had not heard much except for a couple of different bills and the Attorney General comments on sanctuary cities. GMD had also not heard anything that we would not receive any money. GMD will continue to pay close attention to this issue.

Chairperson Cobb asked if people have a good understanding of all this information, presuming that all the information has been disseminated. Ms. Mierkowski explained that all this information has been posted on the website. Since there is a 30-day period for public comments, she suggested that the audience would take a look and contact GMD if they have any questions.

Seeing no further comments, Chairperson Cobb closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DON HO".

Don Ho, Community Development Coordinator