

**CITY OF URBANA**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, January 23, 2001, City Council Chambers**

**Commission Members Present:** Fred Cobb, Chris Diana, Robert Lewis, Jon Liebman, Gigi Paquin, Anne Heinze Silvis, Dennis Vidoni

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Bob Grewe, Randy Burgett, Mike Loschen, Karen Rasmussen, and Connie Eldridge, Community Development Services; John Lee Johnson, Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement; James Owens, Freeman City of Refuge; Tom Roth, Homestead Corporation; Jonathan Leslie, Developmental Services Center; Teresa Davis Palmer, Canaan Development Foundation; Kathie Spegal, Karla Peterson, and Jerrold Ziff, Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois; Kathy Sims, Center for Women in Transition; Jim Hayes, Urbana City Council; Bob Leach, United Citizens and Neighbors; Polly Martin and Cathy Eastman, North Broadway Neighbors.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Chairperson Cobb asked for approval or corrections to the November 28, 2000 minutes. Commissioner Silvis moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Liebman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Commissioner Silvis suggested the discussion of property appraisals be moved to a later meeting. She was concerned about creating a reasonable and efficient procedure for determining the value of properties. In response to Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Burgett stated it was the consensus of the Legal Department not to change the wording of the mortgage documents. The language should allow the Community Development Commission latitude for individual choices. Mr. Burgett said there might not be enough time to get a property appraisal with some property foreclosures. Commissioner Silvis agreed with the Legal Department's recommendation.

**Staff Report:** After distributing the staff report, Mr. Grewe commented he would like to meet with each commissioner individually. He provided updates on Transitional Housing, public involvement, grant disbursements and preparation of the Annual Action Plan. The HOME monitoring review is closed out with no findings, and staff is addressing minor matters for the file. Commissioner Vidoni asked about attendance at the public hearings. Mr. Grewe replied the morning meeting was well attended; however, evening meetings were not. Commissioner Diana commented that the Transitional Housing Program statistics indicate the program is very successful.

After the staff report, Chairperson Cobb indicated the agencies that had submitted grant applications could present project summaries during Petitions and Communications.

**Petitions and Communications:    Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Applications:**

**Canaan Development Foundation – Men’s SAFE House - \$55,921** - Teresa Davis Palmer, Director of Development, stated she had also submitted an application for Women’s SAFE House but did not see it on the agenda. Noting Men’s SAFE House has received past funding, she said this application is to enclose the front porch to create a reception/office area. The existing office area will be converted to a bedroom, and the entire first floor, including the bathroom, would be made ADA compliant. They plan to remodel the second floor bathroom and replace the windows and exterior siding. The program is for adult males who are substance abusers and have been involved in the criminal justice process. In response to Chairperson Cobb, Ms. Palmer said this house would accommodate nine participants. Once an individual graduates from the 12-month program, he transitions into his own residence and may reconnect with his former household. Ms. Palmer stated 23 persons have graduated from the program. Commissioner Diana asked if converting the porch would create a larger capacity. Ms. Palmer answered no; they will still serve nine but will be able to meet ADA requirements. Commissioner Lewis asked if they were under a time constraint to meet ADA requirements. Ms. Palmer replied no; however, the house layout is inaccessible to those in wheelchairs.

The Women’s SAFE House application is for \$25,000. It is located at 502 East Church Street, Champaign. Ms. Palmer stated both SAFE House programs are long-term treatment programs for substance abuse and are unique to this area. Ms. Palmer provided another copy of the Women’s SAFE House application to the Community Development Commission recording secretary.

**Developmental Services Center – C-U Independence Apartments - \$4,505** – Jonathan Leslie, Director of Development and Special Projects, said the grant is for a power-operator on a door that will make the building more accessible. C-U Independence, which is located at 610 East Kerr, is a residential program for 24 developmentally disabled persons. C-U Independence offers a supportive place for those making the first steps toward independent living. Although case managers provide training, all tenants live independently. Installing this push-button mechanism to the main door in the lobby would help residents be more independent, for example with grocery shopping. All residents have very low incomes, and many have physical handicaps.

Commissioner Diana believed the dollar amount to be leveraged by the Developmental Services Center should be 20 percent of the total project cost. When Chairperson Cobb asked if this change was acceptable, Mr. Leslie answered yes.

**Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement – William A. Melker Community Technology Center - \$20,000** – John Lee Johnson from the Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement (ICfCI) explained the request is to establish a community technology center in Urbana. He provided a copy of the application that ICfCI prepared for the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). Because Champaign/Urbana did not meet DCCA’s requirements, ICfCI did not forward this application. ICfCI will also request funding from the City of Champaign. The center will be located in a low-income neighborhood and provide residents with computer training and an understanding of the role of technology in daily life. ICfCI is

concerned with the growing divide between computer users and nonusers. Approximately 250 adults and 200 youth will receive training in the first year. ICfCI has an agreement with Greater Holy Temple Church to use its former church at 1407 West Dublin Street in Urbana. The CDBG funds would be used to lease and make connectivity improvements to the facility. The University of Illinois (U of I) will donate computer equipment. A staff member from ICfCI will manage the center and provide basic introductory instruction. ICfCI will request additional instructors from Champaign and Urbana High Schools and the U of I.

In response to Chairperson Cobb, Mr. Johnson stated the center would also provide educational programs on predatory lending, family practice, community policing, and other problems faced by low-income persons. The facility will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and will offer access to 12-20 computers.

Commissioner Vidoni questioned the strategies that the application referenced. Staff determined these were strategies from the FY1995-2000 Consolidated Plan. According to Mr. Johnson, the intent is to educate low-income persons about computers and provide information on possible job opportunities. Commissioner Lewis asked if the U of I has committed other resources besides computers. Mr. Johnson replied one department at the U of I has made a preliminary commitment. In response to Commissioner Diana, Mr. Johnson said the program will be aimed at middle and high school students who normally do not enroll in computer programs at school. Mr. Johnson is concerned about these students succeeding in the computer age.

**Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois – Elevator Repair (\$17,655) and Roof Repair (\$28,655)** – Kathy Spegal, Director of Community Affairs, provided an overview of their clients and stated 41 percent fall within the federal poverty guidelines. She then described the problems with their three-story building. Because the elevator lacks an auxiliary hydraulic system, the City of Champaign will not license it for operation. The flat roof has leaked, resulting in damage to several offices, the server, telephone service, and examination rooms. Ms. Spegal has also submitted a request to the City of Champaign for roof repair. In response to Commissioner Liebman, Ms. Spegal stated they have not been able to operate the elevator for two years. Commissioner Diana noted the leveraged amounts had to be 20 percent of the total project. Ms. Spegal agreed, adding the City of Champaign did not require a 20 percent leverage for CDBG funds. Commissioner Vidoni inquired about ADA implications. Ms. Spegal replied the basement and second floor are not accessible; however, they deliver most client services on the first floor.

**Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation – Housing Rehabilitation Services (\$20,000), Paint Program (\$10,000), ULCCDC Lease Purchase Principal Reduction Program (\$60,000 CDBG and \$25,000 of HOME CHDO's set aside)** – Concerning the Housing Rehabilitation Services application, Jean Algee stated the Urban League has served as subcontractor for the City of Urbana for the last two years. City staff refers clients to the rehab specialist, who does a work write-up and monitors the rehabilitation process. Urban League would like to expand their services.

The Paint Program is an existing program for elderly and/or disabled persons. The Urban League paints the exterior trim or even the entire house. City staff refers eligible participants.

Commissioner Lewis asked about the number of homes painted. Ms. Algee said four to five homes were painted this year, with three homes painted last year.

Ms. Algee requested both CDBG and HOME CHDO funds for the Lease Purchase Principal Reduction Program. The program is designed to help persons with credit problems or no downpayment to purchase a home. Urban League would purchase a home and use city funds for principal reduction. The City of Urbana would donate 40 percent with Urban League financing the balance through a local lender. The participant would pay only the loan amount. The participant must work with Urban League on a monthly basis to learn about home maintenance, to pay the loan, taxes, and insurance and to repair their credit. At the end of the lease period, the participant will assume the loan payment from Urban League. The mortgage payment may be lower than many rent payments.

Although Urban League is not a CHDO at this time, it is requesting 15 percent set-aside for staffing of the CHDO. Urban League is waiting for approval of its CHDO application.

Chairperson Cobb asked if the homebuyer was responsible for the principal reduction portion. Ms. Algee answered no. Commissioner Diana inquired about time limits and ownership after assuming the loan. Ms. Algee replied a participant has a maximum of three years to clean up his/her credit and stay in the lease-to-purchase program, with an option to extend. Once the participant assumes the loan, the participant owns the house free and clear.

### **HOME Applications:**

**Freeman City of Refuge – Teen Mothers Independent Living Program (\$24,250)** – Jack Jones, a representative from Freeman City of Refuge, stated they are proposing to renovate a four bedroom home in Rantoul to provide housing for teen mothers and their children. He said many families “throw out” their teen mothers due to economic hardships. This places a burden on many social service agencies. Plans for renovation include adding two bedrooms, one bathroom and converting the attic to an office. Through 24 hour staffing they would provide food, shelter, supervision, counseling, and transportation for residents age 13-17 years old. The purpose is to help teen mothers transition to independent living. There would also be follow-up casework.

Chairperson Cobb inquired if Freeman City of Refuge owned the house in Rantoul. Mr. Jones replied that Angela and Ted Freeman own this house and live in another. Mr. Jones added the program is to provide teen mothers a stable supervised environment rather than living with friends or on the streets. In response to Commissioner Lewis, Mr. Jones stated Angela Freeman has a foster care license and is getting additional training from CHASI for a group home license. Ms. Freeman works for Hope for the Children. Commissioner Vidoni asked if Freeman City of Refuge had an educational model or underlying philosophy for working with these children. Mr. Jones answered currently they run an after-school program every school day for children ages 5-13. They offer consistency, direction, and reinforcement of values and stress taking responsibility. Mr. Jones hopes this program will help break the cycle of teen motherhood.

**Homestead Corporation of Champaign/Urbana (\$100,000)** – Tom Roth, Treasurer of Homestead Corporation, stated they operate the 25 unit Single Room Occupancy (SRO) project on Griggs Street in Urbana. Their second project was to move and renovate two duplex properties in Champaign. The duplexes were converted to single-family residences. The third project was renting a house on Squire Court, Urbana. The current application is to provide two rental houses in Urbana for large families with low- and very low-incomes. Homestead Corporation has no vacancies and currently has a waiting list. They plan to continue this program in Champaign in a year or two.

In response to Commissioner Diana, Mr. Roth said Homestead Corporation would get a bank loan for \$40,000 of the total funds. HOME funds would be used to purchase the property, with a bank loan for rehabilitation funds. Chairperson Cobb inquired about problems with past projects. Mr. Roth described the zoning and code problems with the City of Champaign when moving the duplex. Homestead Corporation has decided not to purchase any houses that need to be moved. Rather they are looking for houses that need minimal rehabilitation. Earlier problems resulted in higher loans on the properties, thus limiting the amount of cash available for other properties.

Commissioner Vidoni noticed this application looked different from others. Staff determined the application was complete; however, the sections were out of order.

#### **CDBG and HOME Applications:**

**Center for Women in Transition – Construction of Transitional Housing & Educational Center (\$50,000 in CDBG over two years)(\$50,000 in HOME over two years)** – Kathy Sims, Director, gave a brief history of the Center for Women in Transition. It began in 1985 as the Women’s Emergency Shelter and served women and their children who were homeless for a variety of reasons. Ms. Sims has seen a progressive increase in the number of homeless women and children in the community. She stated transitional housing is a positive means of providing affordable housing and educational opportunities to women and children. It allows them enough time to make the transition to independent housing. She noted that in the early years of the emergency shelter many women were not successful in making the transition to permanent housing. Last year the Center for Women in Transition served 101 women and children and had a 60 percent success rate.

This application is a request to construct a third building for an educational center, offices and additional transitional housing. There will also be a music room and a computer room. Center for Women in Transition received a grant of \$100,000 toward this center. The transitional housing rooms may house two larger or four smaller families. The educational center will be located on a vacant lot next to the existing facilities. Commissioner Diana questioned if the center will be ADA compliant. Noting there will be an elevator, Ms. Sims said the planned center and the current buildings meet those requirements.

**United Citizens and Neighbors (UCAN) – UCAN Neighborhood Home Rehabilitation (\$30,000 plus money from the sale of 901 North Gregory)** – Bob Leach, President, requested funds for a second housing rehabilitation project. Last week UCAN signed a contract to

rehabilitate their first house at 901 North Gregory. They expect work to be completed by mid-March. They plan to use sale proceeds from 901 North Gregory and these funds to purchase and rehabilitate another house.

**Neighborhood Organization Grant (NOG) applications:**

**North Broadway Neighbors (\$1,000)** – Cathy Eastman, a resident of this neighborhood, said this group is an outgrowth from neighborhood meetings held by the City of Urbana in 1999. The boundaries would be University Avenue, North Broadway, Country Club Road, and Cunningham Avenue. Neighbors on Franklin Street will also be included. The area is diverse and includes a number of businesses, two churches, Lakeside Terrace, Cunningham Children’s Home, and Washington Early Learning School. The funds will be used to hold meetings, to focus on neighborhood issues, and to work with organizations to improve the neighborhood.

**United Citizens and Neighbors (UCAN) (\$2,500)** – Bob Leach, President of UCAN, expressed both UCAN’s and his support for the North Broadway Neighbors. He noted that Crystal Lake Park does divide neighborhoods.

The house that UCAN is rehabilitating is located west of Lincoln Avenue in the King School neighborhood. UCAN would use these funds for mailings to encourage attendance. They believe neighborhood interest in the rehabilitation project will promote membership. Chairperson Cobb asked what UCAN’s objective would be after increased membership. Mr. Leach supposed UCAN might provide leadership in creating the King Park Neighborhood Center. They also need volunteers to help rehabilitate houses and work at Neighborhood Cleanup. Mr. Leach noted residents from King Park neighborhood provided a great deal of support at Neighborhood Cleanup. Increased membership means more donations and more people to help with volunteer projects.

**Old Business:**           **Report on Transitional Housing** – Mr. Grewe referenced a memo from Ella Coleman to the commissioners.

**New Business:**           **Draft City of Urbana/Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan FY2001-2002 Annual Action Plan (CDBG and HOME budgets)** – Mr. Grewe explained that a draft would be placed on file for public review from January 29 through February 27, 2001. There are many things to consider: level of detail, budgetary changes, and funding allocations. Mr. Loschen added the latest HOME allocation is \$1,036,000. Commissioner Lewis asked when staff would receive the final funding allocation figures. Ms. Rasmussen replied that funding is not official until the City of Urbana receives an official letter—usually in the first week of May. Based on funding estimates, staff prepares the budget and amends it as necessary. Staff considers public comments when determining what activities should be funded. Noting the amount of fluctuation was not very significant, Commissioner Liebman asked if it would change the plan’s activities. Mr. Loschen answered no. Ms. Rasmussen reminded commissioners that all contracts include a clause about possible reductions in allocations if federal funding is reduced. Mr. Grewe pointed out the times the Annual Action Plan could be amended.

Ms. Rasmussen discussed possible changes to Urban League's Paint Program. Because of lead based paint regulations, Urban League may install siding and wrap the soffits rather than paint the houses. In response to Commissioner Diana, Mr. Burgett reviewed regulations to encapsulate lead based paint and soil testing around a house's perimeter. He discussed risk assessment for painting versus siding.

Chairperson Cobb asked about Canaan Development Foundations' application for Women's SAFE House. Ms. Rasmussen was concerned with both applications since they were incomplete and did not include either a fiscal audit of the foundation or a project budget. She has yet to receive a budget for the current rehabilitation projects for the Men's and Women's SAFE Houses. City of Champaign staff also reports problems with code issues. Staff does not recommend funding either application and will continue to work with the Foundation to increase their understanding of federal regulations. Over two years the City of Urbana has contributed funds and granted extensions to the Women's SAFE House, which is not yet open. Ms. Rasmussen commented on the good quality of the rehabilitation work. Commissioner Lewis inquired about the total project cost. Ms. Rasmussen replied Canaan Development Foundation has not yet provided it. Ms. Rasmussen believes all work done to date has been paid for by the City of Urbana. Discussion continued on the repeated delays and the implications of not meeting regulations. Commissioner Lewis stated the first priority is an audit and then getting total project costs and completion dates for both projects. In response to Commissioner Lewis, Ms. Rasmussen stated all other applicants submitted audits.

Commissioner Lewis wondered about the results of the City of Urbana's last audit. Mr. Loschen replied the HOME Program was audited last fall. The largest finding concerned the process by which the City draws down funding from HUD through IDIS. Staff is redoing the drawdown system.

Commissioner Lewis is concerned (1) that financial procedures be in place for all applicants, and (2) that any subgrantees who do not comply be put on notice and not receive funding. Chairperson Cobb asked if Canaan Development Foundation has sent any correspondence clarifying these concerns. Ms. Rasmussen answered no. Commissioner Diana is concerned when financial questions are answered with rhetoric rather than facts. He supposed if Canaan's original budget and timeline were accurate, the project would not have been funded.

In response to Commissioner Silvis, Ms. Rasmussen felt United Citizens and Neighbors (UCAN) should not receive funding under the Neighborhood Organization Grant (NOG). The purpose of a NOG is to help organize a neighborhood group. UCAN has received funding for five years from the City of Urbana, and they should look for other funding. Their funding last year was tied to their property acquisition and rehabilitation project. They have only spent a small portion of last year's funding. Commissioner Silvis wondered about a five-year time limit for NOG funding. Commissioner Diana proposed a step-down schedule of funding. Commissioner Silvis suggested defining the neighborhood organization to prevent funding the same group under a different name.

Ms. Rasmussen explained North Broadway Neighbors came about through neighborhood meetings held by the Planning Division last year. Residents wanted representation, and the

Planning Division suggested they contact Grants Management Division. Residents are concerned with preserving their neighborhood in light of future development. Commissioner Lewis supported funding the North Broadway Neighbors. He discussed problems with people learning how to apply for and handle grants. He wondered if staff has provided enough information and training to help neighborhood groups grow independent. Ms. Rasmussen said staff has continually initiated contact with UCAN. Commissioner Diana preferred several smaller neighborhood groups compared to one larger group.

*Chairperson Cobb left the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Commissioner Lewis assumed the role of Acting Chairperson.*

Discussion continued on funding ICfCI's application for the Melker Technology Center. According to Ms. Rasmussen, CDBG funds may not be used to make physical improvements to a property that belongs to a church.

Mr. Loschen explained that all HOME consortium members must be in total agreement to fund a CHDO project. The City of Champaign was concerned about ICfCI's capacity and process of property acquisition. Consortium members suggested not funding HomeBuild4 at this time; instead ICfCI would finish HomeBuild3 and Eads at Lincoln Subdivision. Also, this will allow Champaign and Urbana staff time to acquire properties. In response to Commissioner Diana, Mr. Loschen discussed the City of Champaign's concerns with property acquisition. Acting Chairperson Lewis asked for clarification about capacity. Referring to HUD's monitoring letter, Mr. Loschen said ICfCI needs to follow regulations more closely regarding property acquisition and administrative and project costs. ICfCI does have the capacity to complete 12 houses next year. When the IHDA grant for a zero interest construction loan expired December 31, 2000, ICfCI converted six to eight projects into conventional bank loans. The City of Urbana is not able to cover the construction interest; however, the City of Champaign has allocated funds for this.

Referring to ICfCI and the Champaign portion of the project, Acting Chairperson Lewis asked about problems. Mr. Loschen answered that staff from Urbana and ICfCI need to work together more closely on administrative and project expenses. Acting Chairperson Lewis asked if slowing the process would adversely impact ICfCI. Mr. Loschen said regulations allow up to 5 percent of the total HOME allocation toward CHDO operating expenses, so ICfCI should not lose any staff.

Commissioner Silvis supported placing the current budget on public review. Mr. Burgett reminded commissioners the Urban League project would be changed from painting to siding. The dollar amount would remain the same.

Acting Chairperson Lewis asked if staff supported the Melker Community Technology Center project if it was moved to a different building. Mr. Grewe felt the concept was relevant; however, more time is needed to consider it. Acting Chairperson Lewis stated the University of Illinois has been providing used computers and technical support to churches. The program began three years ago with the Urban League. Commissioner Diana supposed the problem with this application was hardwiring and modifying a facility owned by a church. Ms. Rasmussen



agreed. Commissioner Liebman was concerned about the availability of instruction and the expertise of the staff. Acting Chairperson Lewis agreed there should be a structured program.

Acting Chairperson Lewis inquired about Planned Parenthood's primary source of funds. Ms. Rasmussen answered that Planned Parenthood receives both state and federal funds for programming. Planned Parenthood owns the facility. Ms. Rasmussen noted Planned Parenthood did not ask the City of Champaign for funds to repair the elevator. While repairing the elevator is important, Planned Parenthood's first priority is to repair the roof. Ms. Rasmussen suggested making this funding contingent upon the City of Champaign also providing funds. Commissioners discussed the size of the roof and potential funding. Acting Chairperson Lewis was concerned with meeting the state and federal compliance requirements to repair the elevator. He felt both the Cities of Champaign and Urbana had an obligation to help with these projects. Commissioner Vidoni mentioned possible ADA implications. Ms. Rasmussen listed some of Planned Parenthood's many programs. She noted Planned Parenthood provides services to residents county-wide. Acting Chairperson Lewis asked about other government entities providing funds.

Commissioner Silvis wondered if the City of Urbana could provide additional project funds after the budget was approved. Ms. Rasmussen replied the Community Development Commission could recommend a budget amendment. Commissioners discussed possible uses of the contingency fund.

In response to Commissioner Vidoni, Ms. Rasmussen explained the Community Development Commission recommends the Annual Action Plan for approval. City Council has the option of approving, changing, or rejecting it. The Annual Action Plan, which contains previously committed activities, will include the new projects recommended by staff and approved by the Commission. Mr. Loschen added staff is asking for direction whether or not to include each project. Discussion continued on how to determine which projects are included. After public review of the draft Annual Action Plan, the Community Development Commission will formally recommend the Annual Action Plan to the City Council.

Considering possible ADA ramifications, Commissioner Vidoni supported repairing Planned Parenthood's elevator.

Commissioner Vidoni felt it was important to support grass-root program efforts. He disagreed with staff's objection to UCAN's application. If UCAN is productive, he felt the Community Development Commission should support UCAN. Referring to the NOG guidelines, Ms. Rasmussen summarized permitted activities. The primary purpose of the grant is to aid the neighborhood organization in achieving its 501(C)(3) designation. Ms. Rasmussen wondered if UCAN's application was for a true expansion, especially since they still had funds. She understood UCAN's desire for more active members. If commissioners want to fund UCAN, staff must clarify and monitor UCAN's agreement. Commissioner Liebman felt UCAN had grown too large and preferred funding smaller neighborhood groups. Acting Chairperson Lewis remarked that UCAN is expanding and is complying with the current regulations. Commissioner Diana stated the Community Development Commission should review and redefine the Neighborhood Organization Grant Program. He also stated UCAN is not doing anything less or

different than the CD Commission has funded in the past. He felt in an overall sense of fairness it was appropriate to fund UCAN this year. Commissioner Silvis suggested funding the postage and not the staff. Acting Chairperson Lewis answered the staff portion of the application deals with capacity building and grant writing. Ms. Rasmussen preferred UCAN hire someone other than their rehabilitation specialist to do the capacity building/grant writing. Acting Chairperson Lewis agreed with Ms. Rasmussen, but he again supported UCAN's current application. Commissioner Silvis questioned why a neighborhood organization should use the bulk of its grant for consulting. She believed neighborhood organizations mean neighbors should do the work. It was the consensus of the Community Development Commission that UCAN describe the consultant's duties and a work plan. Commissioner Silvis requested UCAN clarify its objectives and explain how this application adds capacity. She believed UCAN should be alerted to the CD Commission's concerns, and the CD Commission should reconsider NOG guidelines. Although Commissioner Liebman concurred, he supported funding this application.

*At 10:03 p.m. Commissioner Paquin left the meeting.*

Discussion continued on the addition or deletion of programs to the draft budget. Commissioner Liebman thought it was not good to raise expectations and then not fund a program. Commissioner Diana agreed, noting this might cause problems with leveraging of funds. Commissioners then considered how program changes affected the total amount of funding.

*Commissioner Vidoni moved that the Community Development Commission accept the Draft City of Urbana/Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan FY2001-2002 Annual Action Plan with the following changes: (1) not to fund the Illinois Center for Citizen Involvement William A. Melker Community Technology Center, and (2) to fund the United Citizens and Neighbors Neighborhood Organization Grant with the stipulations that UCAN share information on its consultant and that it seek other funding sources in the future. Commissioner Liebman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Adjournment:** Acting Chairperson Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Eldridge