

**OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

**April 29, 2005**

Members Present:	Bill Culp Nancy Estes Rick Richardson Bob Gomez Andrew Penns Susan Robinson David Hall Linda Carleton
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Sandy Bowen, Planning Erica Bates, Planning Larry Abrigg
Guests Present:	None

The meeting was called to order by Linda Carleton, Chair, at 3 p.m. Ms. Carleton turned the meeting over to Bill Culp to facilitate the development of the goals and objectives for the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan.

The following goals and objectives were developed.

***Goal:* Low- to moderate-income citizens will have access to safe, decent and affordable housing**

**Objectives:**

- Increase the availability, financial accessibility, and support for affordable home ownership opportunities
- Increase the availability, financial accessibility, and support for affordable and subsidized rental units
- Maintain, rehabilitate and improve existing single-family, multi-family, and subsidized housing units
- Educate homeowners and homebuyers on all aspects of homeownership to include, but not limited to, property maintenance and environmental hazards
- Educate renters and landlords on all aspects of fair housing practices to include, but not limited to, property maintenance and environmental hazards
- Expand education and enforcement of safety codes and/or services to improve conditions of housing
- Increase the availability, financial accessibility, and support for handicap accessible housing

**Goal: Enhance quality of life for elderly citizens**

**Objectives:**

- Increase the availability, financial accessibility, and support for safe, decent, and affordable housing
- Provide utilities assistance, conservation awareness, and energy saving resources
- Provide resources for home repairs and property maintenance for owner occupied homes
- Maintain and increase services to encourage independent living
- Increase the availability, financial accessibility, and support for safe, decent, and affordable assisted living facilities

**Goal: Prevent and reduce homelessness**

**Objectives:**

- Provide and maintain transitional housing and support services for individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth
- Assist in the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing
- Provide and maintain emergency short-term assistance to prevent imminent homelessness
- Educate the public regarding the homeless and the resources available

**Goal: Improve the quality of programs and facilities for health and safety, information, transportation, and recreation services**

**Objectives:**

- Support the development and maintenance of mental health, substance abuse, and mental retardation services, including prevention, crisis intervention, and treatment
- Support the expansion of comprehensive affordable health and dental services
- Enhance the mechanism for coordination, communication, and quality assurance among service providers, city services, citizens, and clients
- Provide and expand social and recreational services and facilities, including but not limited to, youth and individuals with disabilities
- Expand crime prevention strategies, law enforcement services, and code enforcement

**Goal: Revitalize neighborhoods**

**Objectives:**

- Encourage and facilitate the development of neighborhood plans
- Enhance improvement and cooperation within and among neighborhoods
- Create opportunities that enable neighborhood leaders to emerge
- Assist neighborhoods and community based organizations in providing new and innovative solutions to improve neighborhoods
- Encourage and support programs that diminish crime

**Goal: Enhance the physical environment of Abilene**

**Objectives:**

- Provide and maintain adequate public facilities and infrastructure especially in low- to

moderate- income areas

- Facilitate elimination of slum and blight
- Encourage the development of water resources
- Encourage preservation of historic structures
- Promote the development and maintenance of green areas throughout the city
- Promote beautification projects through education, recycling, elimination of trash, junk, and weeds
- Enhance pedestrian, bike, and traffic safety

**Goal: Enhance the economic well being of all citizens**

**Objectives:**

- Encourage private sector involvement and businesses investment in low- to moderate-income areas and hire from targeted populations
- Support maintenance, enhancement, and expansion of quality childcare
- Support maintenance, enhancement, and expansion of transportation services
- Create, train for, and maintain jobs at all wage levels and employment categories
- Attract and encourage entities that serve non-local markets
- Provide financial, technical, management, and employee assistance to small business
- Utilize and promote rehabilitation of existing properties to support business development
- Promote and expand leadership development and opportunities for all age groups

Ms. Robinson made a motion to adopt the goals and objectives as discussed pending final draft to be e-mailed by staff. Ms Estes seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Linda Carleton, Chair