
Office of Neighborhood Services
Advisory Council
May 17, 2006
Minutes

Members Present: Linda Carleton
Bill Culp
Bob Gomez
Brett Monroe
Sarah Mulkey
Susan Robinson
Sherri Franklin

Members Absent: Lecia Hughes

Staff Present: Erica Bates, Office of Neighborhood Services
Sandy Bowen, Office of Neighborhood Services
Larry Abrigg, Planning Services Division
Jared Mayfield, Assistant Director, Planning & Development Services

Guests Present: Chris Munn, ACU Intern
Laura Herridge, Faith Works
Joyce Dalzell, Faith Works

Agenda Item 1: Call the Meeting to Order by Vice Chair, Bill Culp

Mr. Culp convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and declared a quorum present. Mr. Culp read the opening statement for the ONS Advisory Council.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of May 9, 2006, meeting minutes

Ms. Carleton arrived and directed the meeting. Mr. Gomez made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, with Susan Robinson seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and possible vote on the prioritization of CDBG and HOME funded programs and services

Ms. Carleton directed the Council with the prioritization of public services and programs. Each public service and each program was rated and voted on. The results are shown below on the Priority Work Sheet.

Priority Work Sheet

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1. What is the recommended priority if a choice **within public services** must be made (prioritize services in order of importance)?

Access to Jobs 1

Teen Court 4

Senior Citizens 3

Medical Dental 2

2. What is the recommended priority if a choice **within programs** must be made (prioritize programs in order of importance)?

Tenant Based Rental Assistance 4 HOME

Single-Family Rehab (\$25k limit) 3 HOME

Critical/Limited Repair (\$5K limit) 1 CDBG

First Time Homebuyer (\$3k limit) 2 (transferred to HOME)

3. What is the recommended priority if a choice must be made between **public services** funding and **program** funding?

Public Services 1

City Programs 2

4. If we face continued reductions, would you recommend cutting a whole program, or service or would you recommend cutting each program/service the necessary amount to continue partial funding each of them?

Cut entire service or program Yes No X

Cut entire service Yes No X

Reduce funding **equally** Yes No X
for **all** services and programs

In responses to question #4, the ONS Advisory Council responded that they prefer that we reduce each program or service on merit based on the above rankings.

The Advisory Council asked to go on record with the following comments.

- 1) In regard to the bond sidewalk program, the Council asks that the City give particular attention to the Target Neighborhoods of Carver, Sears and North Sayles areas when determining the locations.
- 2) In regard to funding programs and services, the Council asks that the City be more supportive of the programs and services that help productive citizens and those that assist people to become productive citizens. Council asked that staff seek ways to incorporate self-help requirements into programs (i.e. homeowner sweat equity and “how-to-fix-it” home repair education).
- 3) In regard to future funding, the Council asks that the City continue to encourage Abilene’s non-profit organizations that help citizens become productive (such as Faith Works).

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Date: _____