



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Information: 360-753-8447

Thursday, May 9, 2013

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Karen Rogers

Excused: 3 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Councilmember Jim Cooper and Councilmember Steve Langer

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A 13-0373 Proposals for Community Development Block Grant 2013 Annual Plan

Councilmember Roe arrived late to the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Housing Program Manager Anna Schlecht gave a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant Program. This presentation included information about the program's goals and objectives and the City's five key strategies to be included in the CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan. Ms. Schlecht stated that the City has concluded its "Request for Proposals" process that ran from April 17 through May 7.

As of the May 7, 2013 deadline, the City received 18 proposals for a total of \$3,162,665 in CDBG funding for Program Year 2013. Copies of all the CDBG proposals along with a descriptive matrix were transmitted to the Council and posted to the website. Prior to the Study Session, the Council received staff rankings of the proposals based on Council identified criteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones then called for brief presentations from the four top capital project applicants:

- Panza with a "Quixote Village" project to develop 30 cottage based project for up to 30 formerly homeless people;
- Community Youth Services for their "Shelter from the Storm" project to develop a hybrid drop in center for youth and transition aged youth along with a Young Adult shelter;
- The Family Support Center and their "Smith Building Family Housing Project" which

needs additional funding to supplement their 2012 CDBG allocated funds for rehabilitation; and,

- Safeplace for their “Community Services Center” project that will create a new, larger facility to accommodate support and advocacy for victims of sexual and domestic violence along with an economic development incubator for clients. Council asked clarifying questions of the top four applicants as well as other applicants.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones noted there are also 5 public benefit projects for Council consideration.

Council discussion:

- Council previously identified Economic Development as its top priority
- The top factor for ranking is Project Readiness
- Possible allocation of more than \$450,000 to provide a back-up project(s) for timeliness of expenditure by June 30, 2014, perhaps by identifying one or more public benefit projects.
- The social service cap is approximately \$67,000.
- All proposals are in play at this time.
- These are tough decisions, and there is a lot of community need.
- The community will have an opportunity to comment before the Action Plan is finalized.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked all of the applicants and staff. He adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.