

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 27, 2020 11:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Allocation Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Sheila Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

 **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Colleen Brown, Brad Dick, David Martin, Kim Courts, Sheila Taylor, Stephen Fuhr, and Terry Peck.

**Absent:** Christine Durgan, Ellen Ellenburg, Mark Emmendorfer, and Jeff Lutze.

**Others Present:** Damon Fortney, Katie Mehl, and Nichole Odette.

 **III. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2020 MEETING**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stephen Fuhr, **Seconded by** Terry Peck, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting as presented.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

 **IV. BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST – VIENNA TOWNSHIP**

Damon Fortney explained that Vienna Township completed their 2018 Blight Elimination and Prevention project with \$43,586.35 in funds remaining. The Township had planned to demolish two additional properties with those funds; however, the properties were privately owned, and only publicly owned properties may be demolished using CDBG funding. The Township has requested to move the remaining funds to the Home Improvement Program (HIP). Staff keeps track of HIP funds spent in each community and will be able to update Vienna Township on how much funding was awarded to its residents.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kim Courts, **Seconded by** Stephen Fuhr, to approve the transfer of \$43,586.35 from Vienna Township's 2018 Blight Elimination and Prevention project to 2018 CDBG Home Improvement Program funds.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

 **V. DRAFT 2020-2024 GENESEE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2020 ACTION PLAN**

Katie Mehl explained that the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies the priorities, goals and expected outcomes for programs, projects and activities funded by HUD, such as the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs. The City of Flint receives its own funding from HUD and 29 of the remaining 32 municipalities participate in Genesee County's Community Development Program. The Plan's primary goals were determined using data provided by HUD, Census data, a housing conditions survey, a public needs survey, public input sessions, discussions with local agencies, and stakeholder interviews. Genesee County is estimated to receive \$13.9 million in funding over the next five years. For 2020, the County's total allocation increased by \$53,000; the County will receive \$1,843,072 in CDBG funding, \$834,928 in HOME funding, and \$160,607 in ESG funding. The public comment period for the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> and end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, with a public hearing on March 11<sup>th</sup> during the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting. The public will also be able to comment on the Plan at three public input sessions being held during the last week of March. Final approval will be requested from this Committee prior to sending the Plan to HUD. Discussion ensued.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stephen Fuhr, **Seconded by** Kim Courts, to approve the Draft 2020-2024 Genesee County Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan to go out for public comment.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **VI. GENESEE: OUR COUNTY, OUR FUTURE UPDATE**

Damon Fortney explained that staff has been working to incorporate comments received from agencies and committees regarding the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* Plan. Public comment for the Plan will begin on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Along with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the public will be able to comment on the Plan during the three public input sessions being held the last week of March. Staff is also working to update the [www.ourfuturegenesee.org](http://www.ourfuturegenesee.org) website, including the on-line mapping tool, and changing all reports to a flip book format. Final approval for the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* Plan will be requested from this Committee in April.

## **VII. HUD UPDATE**

Damon Fortney explained that during January and February staff has been monitoring local units that participate in the CDBG Program to ensure they are meeting federal requirements. Included in the monitoring visit are the review of individual project files, review of the municipality's conflict of interest policy, and procedures for handling cash. Over-all, the visits have been going very well.

Mr. Fortney stated that staff was recently notified that the Shelter of Flint no longer wants to be the designated Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) for Genesee County. MSHDA requires each county have a designated HARA agency in order to receive state funding. Continuum of Care staff held a brainstorming meeting today in regard to which local agency may assume the responsibility

 **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

David Martin stated that he attended the ribbon cutting for the Community Navigation desk in the lobby of the Consumer's Energy building. Now customers will be offered resources when they are experiencing difficulty in paying not only their energy bills, but other household bills.

 **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nichole Odette, Secretary  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission