

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 27, 2017 11:00 a.m.**


**MINUTES**

The Allocation Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

 Christine Durgan called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

 **Present:** Christine Durgan, David Martin, Ellen Ellenburg, Kim Courts, Jeff Lutze, Paula Zelenko, Sheila Taylor, and Stephen Fuhr.

**Absent:** Karen Miller and Mark Emmendorfer.

**Others Present:** David Yeoman and Nichole Odette.


**III. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2017 MEETING**

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stephen Fuhr, **Seconded by** Paula Zelenko, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting as presented.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**


 No one spoke at this time.

**V. TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS**


 David Yeoman stated that the City of Fenton has requested that \$15,737 be transferred from their 2016 Parks Improvement project to their 2016 Sidewalk Improvements project.

 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Paula Zelenko, **Seconded by** Ellen Ellenburg, to approve the Transfer of Community Development Program Funds as presented.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE 2017 GENESSEE COUNTY ACTION PLAN**


 David Yeoman stated that the 2017 Genesee County Action Plan explains how Genesee County intends to invest the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds allocated by HUD.

The 30 day comment period for the draft 2017 Action Plan was from March 20<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup> and a public hearing was held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The draft Action Plan was distributed to all local units of government, the Genesee District Library, and the Plan was also available for public review at the GCMPC office and website. No comments regarding the Plan were received. The allocation amounts within the Plan are estimates based on last year's allocations. Staff anticipates that HUD will release the County's grant award in mid-May; at which time, staff will update the Action Plan allocations accordingly before submitting the Plan to HUD for approval. Discussion ensued.


 **Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kim Courts, **Seconded by** Ellen Ellenburg, to approve the 2017 Action Plan for submittal to HUD in May.

**Motion passed unanimously.**


## **VII. HUD UPDATE**

 Sheila Taylor stated that in response to the proposed federal budget that would cut the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs, staff has put together information to show the local units how these funds impact their communities. This information can be shared with other elected officials, residents, or constituents so they can see the impact of these programs. A County-wide impact sheet shows the over-all impact of these programs, excluding the City of Flint since the City receives its own funding. A Home Improvement Program (HIP) impact map shows all the communities in which clients have been assisted with home repairs. Individual impact sheets for each municipality were also created and highlight some of the larger projects, as well as HIP funds provided to their residents. The Home Improvement Program is a great resource for CDBG funds, especially for those communities that don't have low-income areas. All three impact sheets will be sent to each local unit of government. County Commissioners will receive sheets for each community in their District, as well as an impact sheet for their entire District. Ms. Taylor stated that the federal government has been operating under a continuing resolution through the end of April, but it appears Congress will be voting soon to approve the budget through the end of this fiscal year. Staff hasn't heard any more information regarding programming for next year. Ms. Taylor stated that the 2017 median family income amount for Genesee County is \$53,700, which is up from \$52,200 in 2016. The increased amount will allow staff to serve more residents in the affordable housing programs and the Home Improvement Program. The new income chart will be emailed to the local units.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

 Christine Durgan stated that the I-69 Thumb Region Steering Committee will be hosting an Ecotourism Symposium on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Willows Ecology Center in Lapeer. The Symposium will focus on promoting tourism in natural areas throughout the seven county region. Let staff know if you are interested in receiving information regarding the Symposium's on-line registration. The spring Recycle Day is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Davison High School and the Flint Water Service Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

 Ms. Durgan adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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