

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
WED., MAY 13, 2009**

This meeting of the Community Development Committee of Kent City Council was called to order on Wed., May 13, 2009, by Rick Hawksley, Chair, at 8:45 p.m. Chair Hawksley explained the only item on the agenda dealt with additional monies for the FY 2008 CDBG program.

**PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MR. HAWKSLEY, MR. KUHAR, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH**

**ALSO PRESENT: J. FENDER; MAYOR; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; G. LOCKE, DIR. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; B. SUSEL, GRANTS AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**ABSENT: MR. WILSON**

**Dave Ruller, City Manager**, introduced **Bridget Susel, Grants and Neighborhood Program Administrator**, who would deal with the issue at this time.

Ms. Susel said they received an additional \$81,024, with monies called the CDBG-R monies. She said the money has certain stipulations that are a little different. She said it has to be put to projects that project overall goals of the Recovery Act. She said they must have a long term economic benefit, and there is a big push for infrastructure.

Ms. Susel said they received notice on May 4, and need to pass and submit a substantial amendment to HUD by June 5. She said the comment period was lessened to seven days. Ms. Susel said they have to focus these monies on infrastructure projects.

Ms. Susel said they would like to commit the funds to the Street light repair/replacement project, which falls in an area that qualifies, and the schedule meets the time frame. She said they have 120 days to get under contract from the time they receive the funding, which should be the end of June or July. She said they need to be under contract by late fall.

Mr. Ruller noted this would reduce the General Fund dollars, freeing it up for something else.

Mr. Turner asked how many Kent residents would be employed, and Ms. Susel said they are defined as temporary jobs, permanent jobs, and construction jobs. She said that a majority of the Recovery Act deals with construction jobs, which will allow tradespeople to be rehired. She said there will be five constructions jobs that will be bid, and subject to the federal prevailing wage. Mr. Turner asked how many Kent residents would be employed, and Ms. Susel said it has to be bid. She said it is up to the contract whom they select. Mr. Ruller said they cannot stipulate that Kent people are hired. He said Council does have a 5% preference for local bidders, who can be 5% higher. He said they are unable, however, to designate who gets to work on these jobs.

Ms. Shaffer asked if this covers the materials as well, and Ms. Susel said it cover anything related to the job, from start to finish.

There were no further questions at this time.

Ms. Susel said on the FY 2009 monies, they received word that their final allocation increased \$3700.24, raising them to \$302,094. She said the additional monies will go to the Administrative component, as there are no enough monies for another project.

Ms. Shaffer asked if the monies were intended to come from the capital budget, and Ms. Susel said that

was correct. Ms. Shaffer noted that leaves them with some monies to do something in the neighborhoods, or could be used to put some Kent people to work possibly.

There was no audience comment at this time.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 CDBG MONIES.**

Motion made by Mr. Kuhar, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried by a voice vote of 7-0-1, with Mr. Hawksley abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Hawksley adjourned this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

- 1) **TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT, AS PRESENTED, TO THE FY 2008 CDBG MONIES.**