

The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter
Community and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
and Via Video Conference
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Notice is hereby given that the Community and Economic Development Committee for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 5:00 pm in person and via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of Ordinance No. 9172. Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda, including public testimony during a Public Hearing, via video conference may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofls.net to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The meeting may be viewed on the City's website at WatchLS.net, or Spectrum Channel 2, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Comcast Channel 7.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Edson called the March 13, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Chairperson Phyllis Edson
Vice Chair Mia Prier
Councilmember Andrew Felker

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Faith Hodges
Planning Commissioner Dana Arth

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Felker, seconded by Vice Chair Prier, to approve the March 13, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee Agenda. The motions passed by the following votes.

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Felker

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Hodges
Planning Commissioner Arth

4. Public Comments

Dale Coy, 1420 NE Valley Forge Drive, provided the following public comment to the City Clerk via email on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

I try to help the city, by frequently reporting signs that I believe to be violating city codes. But what happens is illustrated by today's experience.

I reported a sign in the right of way at 10:00 AM. At 10:28 AM, I received a reply "Code Violations (16201204) was closed by Sarah

Thank you for submitting this concern. A Neighborhood Services Officer will perform an inspection within five business days to determine if a violation exists. Please see Article 9 in the Unified Development Ordinance at www.cityofls.net <<http://www.cityofls.net>> for more information regarding City sign regulations." That's the end of the case, unless I choose to try calling next week to find out the status, etc.

There are probably times when I report a situation that does not actually violate city codes. But I don't know that, and continue to report similar cases, thus wasting city resources (and mine).

Of more importance, the lack of feedback undoubtedly tends to discourage citizens from continuing to make the effort to report problems.

I understand that it takes more effort, but a simple "We removed it" or "We looked and it was no longer there" or "Allowable uncer code ###" would, I believe, be a better service to citizens, and would encourage more reporting.

Thanks

5. Business

- A. [2024-6141](#) Approval of the February 14, 2024 Community and Economic Development Action Letter

A motion was made by Vice Chair Prier, seconded by Councilmember Felker, to approve the February 14, 2024 Community and Economic Development Action Letter. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Felker

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Hodges
Planning Commissioner Arth

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B. [2024-6172](#) Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2024-25

Sarah Tilbury, CDBG Administrator, presented an overview of the 2024-25 CDBG Annual Action Plan, timeline, funding caps and prioritization process. HUD had not announced the amount of funding this year so staff is basing the funding amount on last year's allocation of \$354,909.

A representative from each of the following organizations presented information about their funding requests and staff shared their recommendations of the requests followed by discussion.

After discussion, the CEDC approved staff's recommendations as indicated below:

2024-25 CDBG Funding Allocations

Planning /Administration (20% Cap)

·Administration \$ -0-

Public Services (15% Cap)

·Coldwater of Lee's Summit (Back Snack Program) \$ 5,556.00
·Hope House (Court Advocacy Program) 13,840.00
·Lee's Summit Social Services (Operating Expenses) 20,000.00
·Hillcrest (Case Manager Salary) 13,840.00
Subtotal \$ 53,236.00

Other (no Cap) Remaining Amount + Prior Year Funds for Reallocation

·LS Housing Authority - Duncan Estates Ext. \$ -0-
·Truman Heritage for Habitat 301,673.00
Total \$301,673.00

While the LS Housing Authority requested funding, because their previous HUD allocation funding has not been finalized as to date, staff recommend not funding their requests to allow them time to get caught up so as not to jeopardize future HUD funding allocations to the City of Lee's Summit based on timeline of completed projects.

A motion was made by Councilmember Felker, seconded by Vice Chair Prier, to recommend the City Council approve the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan by ordinance with necessary funding distribution adjustments when HUD formally announced grant amount. The motions passed by the following votes.

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Felker

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Absent: 2 - Councilmember Hodges
Planning Commissioner Arth

6. Roundtable

Councilmember Felker asked staff to look into Mr. Coy's public comments regarding no response on submitted comments/complaints. Mr. Josh Johnson responded staff with research it.

Chair Edson thanked the non-profit groups for their work and presentations. She announced there would not be a Community and Economic Development Committee meeting in April due to the April 2 municipal election. She thanked her fellow councilmembers for serving on this committee and felt the committee accomplished a lot these past two years. She also thanked staff for their work supporting the committee.

Mr. Ryan Elam echoed Chair Edson's comments thanking the councilmembers for their work serving the community on this committee.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Edson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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