

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP
March 3, 2020

A Public Meeting/Workshop of the Community Development Council was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Commissioners Conference Room located at 118 S. Cage Blvd. 2nd floor. The following was discussed, meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Rene Cantu called to order the meeting and roll call at 6:00pm.

Members present: Chairman Rene Cantu

Jose Rodriguez
Romeo Robles
Belia Garcia
Joe Hinojosa
Danny Smith
Norma Treviño

Members absent:

Ruben Solis
Trinidad Suchil
Marco Gonzalez
Lucio Gaitan

Staff: Raul Garza-GMCD Director
Santiago Salinas-CDBG Manager
Sonia Cantu, Administrative Assistant

Public Present: See Attached Roster

Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to excuse the absent members, Jose Rodriguez approved the motion seconded by Danny Smith, motion carried unanimously all in favor.

- II. **Public Workshop:** for the presentation of the submitted CDBG Request for Funds applications for the One-Year (1) Action Plan 2020/2021.

Mr. Raul Garza, Director gave a brief description of the process for the workshop for the 2020 Action Plan, stating agencies have 3-5 minutes for their presentation.

Chairman Rene Cantu started the presentation as follows:

1. **Area Agency on Aging:** Jose Gonzalez, Director. Mr. Gonzales briefly describe the mission of Area Agency on Aging and is requesting \$5,000 to assist 20 Elderly with medical equipment and medical transportation.
2. **Affordable Homes:** Yadira Soto, Cynthia Torres and Tony Hernandez representing Affordable Homes of South Texas. Requesting \$351,160 to assist 7 families to replace or rehabilitate their homes.

3. **The Salvation Army:** No Representative Present. Requested \$4,000 to assist 6 Pharr Families, that are at risk to become homeless, with Rental Assistance.
4. **Amigos Del Valle:** Marisol Gonzalez, Fabiola Ramirez and Annita Jenny representing ADV briefly described the program. They deliver hot meals to homebound elderly Pharr residents. Requesting \$55,000 to assist 14 Pharr Residents.
5. **Children's Advocacy:** Jesus Sanchez, Director, requesting \$15,000 for salaries of the staff providing direct services to Pharr children as abused victims. Proposing to assist 95 children.
6. **Su Casa de Esperanza:** Belinda Simons, Executive Director stated that Su Casa de Esperanza is an Early Childhood Development Program Center. The program has 3 different elements which are: Pre-natal, Infant Stimulation and The Toddler Program. Requesting \$25,000 to leverage funding assistance on the salaries of the part-time instructors.
7. **RGV Literacy Center.** Diana Farias, Director thanked the board and staff for continuing funding the program. Ms. Farias briefly described the program of all the classes provided to the Pharr residents. Requesting \$20,000 and proposing to assist 35 residents of Pharr.
8. **CASA of Hidalgo County:** Court Appointed Social Advocates. CASA represents in court children that are victims of abused. Requesting \$3,000 to assist 12 Pharr children. No Representative present.
9. **Food Bank:** Libby Salinas, requesting \$30,915.28 to continued assisting seniors from the Mesquite and Sunset Terrace with 40Lbs of free food once a month for 11 months.
10. **Silver Ribbon:** Dee Ochoa, Interim Program Director, requesting \$10,000 to the Elderly from Pharr with rental, utility and medical bills.
11. **LRGVDC-Valley Metro:** Tom Logan, Regional Director. Valley Metro Servicing the Pharr Area with Route 30 serving 6 days a week from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Requested \$60,000 proposed to assist 19,000 Pharr residents.
12. **Access Esperanza Clinic:** Patricio Gonzalez, CEO. The mission of the clinic is to help low-income women with physicals, pap testing lab work for diabetes and high cholesterol. Requesting \$30,000.
13. **Good Samaritan Community Service:** Arnoldo Mata representing Good Sam. Requesting \$75,000 for a 6-week Summer Program for children from 1-8 grade.

Mr. Raul Garza informed the members, the funds for this year will be \$1,131,388.00 and only 15% (\$169,000) will be for the non-profit agencies to please review all the requests and to call the office if they have any questions, the next meeting will be to discuss and approve the recommendations.

Adjourn:

Chairman Rene Cantu entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jose Rodriguez made the motion, Mr. Danny Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rene Cantu', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Rene Cantu, Chairman

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