

MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 31, 2018 MEETING

The City of Pharr's Community Development Council held a public meeting for the purpose of on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the City of Pharr's One Year Action Plan for the 2018-2019 CDBG Program Year.

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call:** Chairman Danny Smith started the meeting at 6:00 p.m. by following the published Public Meeting Notice: There being quorum for the meeting, public meeting continued.

Council Members present:

Jose G. Rodriguez
Ruben Solis
Belia Garcia
Danny Smith
Joe Hinojosa
Norma Treviño
Rene Cantu

Staff Present: Raul Garza, Director
Santiago Salinas, Program Manager
Sonia Barajas, Secretary

Public Present: see attached roster

2. **Public Comments:**

Raul Garza, GMCD Director introduced himself and welcomed the Board Members and public present. As per city ordinance No. O-2015-28, Public Comments. Mr. Garza introduced Mr. Kenneth C. Fletcher. Comments were made as follows:

Dr. K. C. Fletcher introduced himself and said he's trying to live peacefully behind Costco the noise maker, at 504 Diplomat. He talked about the "really busy mom" that spoke at last meeting, and her concern about the repayment of the Section 108 Loan that is on the AP-2018 recommendations. He also referenced a letter issued December 13, 2017 from HUD and the action items cited stating they had been cleared. Mr. Fletcher continued by saying "there's \$280,000 that will be for payment per month a total of \$450,000 per year, it's confusing because if could pay \$280,000 they can have more "Meals on Wheels". He made a statement on the non-compliance of the city with the Section 108 Loan. The funds were not used on to fix Hall Acres Road as stated on the application. It was used for a very nice natatorium, however that transfer of money was moved around without having a public hearing. His research also identifies a change of order on the swimming pool of \$922,000", if HUD finds out about that and it came from CDBG with no public hearing that will be another problem". He continued, that the pool situation was that the City of Pharr allowing the public to use the pool more than 51% but now is corrected.

3. **Administrative:**

A) For Discussion/Approval: Action Plan 2018 Recommendations:

Mr. Garza announced the 2018 HUD Allocation as \$1,202,024 HUD. 20% for Administration for salaries, supplies etc., \$355,000 for Section 108, \$100,000 for the Non-public services through Affordable Homes on the housing program, \$330,000 to Jones Box Park Phase III, 15% for the Public Services. Mr. Garza asked the council for consideration and approval of the recommendations.

Chairman Danny Smith made a motion to approve recommendations, Council Mr. Jose Rodriguez moved to approve as recommended. Council Ruben Solis seconded the motion and when to put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

4. Adjourn:

There being no other business, Chairman Danny Smith entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ruben Solis moved to adjourn. Norma Treviño seconded the motion and when to put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:



Danny Smith, Chairman



Ruben Solis, Secretary

