



Cambridge Human Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015
5:30 – 7:30pm
Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Commissioners present: Christine Elow, Christopher R. Hall, Khari Milner, Nan Stone, Rev. Lorraine Thornhill

Regrets: Dr. Ayse Atasoylu, Lori Likis, Katharine Emilie Thomas

DHSP staff: Janice Alger, Mike Payack (recorder)

After welcoming the Commissioners, Janice Alger explained that the FY2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Site Visit Report, which the Commissioners will receive tonight, is intended to supplement information gathered from quarterly reports and renewal applications, as the Commissioners consider their CDBG Public Services funding recommendation for FY2016.

Mike Payack presented the FY2015 CDBG Site Visit Report. Mike conducted the site visits July 2014 through May 2015. Commissioner Nan Stone accompanied Mike on two of the site visits. Mike noted that, regardless of the amount of CDBG funding an agency receives (or the percentage of overall program budget this funding accounts for), the recipient agencies see these grants as essential in securing and leveraging funds from other sources.

After reviewing FY2016 CDBG renewal applications, Commissioner Christopher Hall moved to recommend level funding for all current CDBG Public Services grant recipients. Rev. Lorraine Thornhill seconded the motion. The motion passed to recommend level funding for all current CDBG Public Services grant recipients.

The Commissioners asked for some follow-up information on SCM Transportation's referral policy, as well as some further detail on how Centro Latino's non-CDBG-funded programs support the CDBG-funded Adelante Program. Mike will report back at the next meeting.

Mike announced that the next Human Services Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Payack
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