
DATE: Monday, July 1, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in public hearing Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Darcy Sandefur, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: CM Shirese Hursey

STAFF PRESENT: Dave Wesner, Linda Trevena, John Zeman, Carol Mitten

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Chair: *Grace Wilken, Ward 6*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Wilken called the Public Hearing of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00p.m. Chair Wilken stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to approve a Resolution of Support for a State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Grant (CDBG-CV).

DCEO has made a total of \$15 million in Community Development Block – Coronavirus Grant (CDBG-CV) funds available for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of properties for Homeless (as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Shelters dedicated to the provision of stable, safe and adequate housing; with a goal of increasing capacity to pre-COVID levels.

On July 31, 2024, the City of Urbana, in partnership with Hope Village Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit organization, will submit an application to DCEO for \$1.2 million in CDBG-CV funding to aid in the construction of Hope Village. Activities that will be undertaken with CDBG-CV funding will include construction of tiny homes for medically fragile individuals who have experienced homelessness. One hundred percent of the grant funds proposed in this application will benefit very low-income individuals. There will be no displacement as a result of the Hope Village project.

The completion of Hope Village will help further certain community development and housing needs as described in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for FY 2022 – 2024, and Annual Action Plan for FY 2024 – 2025. The complete prioritized list of City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium community development and housing needs are as follows:

1. Affordable Housing; 2. Homeless Prevention & Services; 3. Non-Homeless Special Needs; 4. Community Development Needs (blight reduction, public facility improvements); 5. Economic Development; 6. Youth Services

The City of Urbana's CDBG records, including all CDBG-CV application materials, are available for

review by the public at the Community Development Services Department, 400 S Vine St. Urbana, IL 61801. Records may be examined weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

2. Presentations and Public Input

a. Public Input

Pastor Melinda Carr read a statement letter voicing concerns regarding the development of Hope Village. Stated the issues on traffic and access to Hope Village through Carver Park have not yet been addressed alongside other ongoing issues. Requested City Council resolve the community's concerns and accept the recommendations made by the community. Submitted a copy of the statement to be included into the record.

3. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Wilken adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Seok Hyun Cho

Deputy City Clerk

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable [on-demand HERE](#).

Minutes approved: 8/5/24

Date: July 1, 2024

To: Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole
City Clerk for the City of Urbana

Subject: PUBLIC INPUT FOR JULY 1, 2024: Public Hearing to Approve a
Resolution of Support for a State of Illinois Community Development
Block-Coronavirus Grant (CDBG-CV)

The purpose of this letter is to make known that we are standing on our position and concerns regarding the proposal in the development of Hope Village.

It is still our concern that traffic and access to Hope Village through Carver Park have not been fully addressed in the best interests of the neighboring residents and other unresolved issues still remain.

Ordinance No. 2023-07-023, Page 4, Section 1, Number 2, "The final site plan is responsive to the concerns of neighboring residents."

We are asking that our concerns and recommendations will be taken care of.

For further information contact:

Jacqueline Curry (Carver Park Subdivision) [REDACTED]

Darleen Bailey (Dr. Ellis Subdivision) [REDACTED]

Marion Harrington (Crispus Attucks Subdivision) [REDACTED]

Joseph Wilson (MLK Subdivision) [REDACTED]