



Agenda: Battle Creek City Commission

Meeting Type: Workshop

Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Chair: Mayor Mark A. Behnke - Topic: Community Development and the Annual Action Planning Process

Prepared By: Battle Creek City Hall - City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor

City Commission

ATTENDANCE

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Commissioners

Mayor Mark Behnke	Commissioner Roger Ballard
Commissioner Jenasia Morris	Commissioner Patrick O'Donnell
Commissioner Carla Reynolds	Commissioner Christopher Simmons
Commissioner Christopher Simmons	Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia

ABSENT:

Commissioner Jim Lance	Commissioner Jake Smith
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City Staff

Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager	Jill Steele, City Attorney
Victoria Houser, City Clerk	Ryan Stange, Network Architect
Marcie Gillette, Community Services Director	Chris Lussier, Community Development Mng.
Michelle Salazar, Community Development Specialist	

PUBLIC COMMENT-LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager, welcomed everyone to the workshop, noting the Community Development Department had the responsibility of distributing HUD funds. Mr. Dearing introduced Chris Lussier, Community

Development Manager, who would be presenting the information to the City Commission.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DIVISION OVERVIEW

Chris Lussier, Community Development Manager, presented an overview of the Community Development Department plan for 2023. Mr. Lussier noted his department presents a Consolidated Plan every 5 years which establishes priorities and governs how the City allocates grant funds for projects and programs. Mr. Lussier stated the City creates an Annual Action Plan that updates the 5 year plan and sets the budget and programming for the upcoming year.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SETTING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Mr. Lussier provided the 2023 calendar for the consolidated planning cycle, beginning with a presentation and public hearing in January. Mr. Lussier noted his department engages with the community, through various events and organizations, to help set the priorities for the use of the grant funds. Mr. Lussier presented the Strategic Value Scorecard and the resulting proposed projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANALYSIS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Mr. Lussier presented the plan budget and several of the programs. Mr. Lussier gave an overview of the Youth Village Learning Center, the Minor Home Repair program, the Rental Repair program and the Code Enforcement Program.

2023 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Mr. Lussier provided a list of projects for the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan, with programs slated for years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Mr. Lussier presented the department's 2022 Special Initiatives, including HOME-APR and CDBG-CV funds, along with the Calhoun County Get the Lead Out program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Behnke adjourned the workshop at 6:37 pm.

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1. Citizen comments on any Resolution before the Commission may be made either before or after the Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the Resolution, at the discretion of the Chair;
2. Citizens wishing to speak to a particular Resolution should raise their hands and wait to be recognized before speaking;
3. Before speaking, an individual who has not filled out a comment card disclosing this information, shall identify themselves by name and address and, if appropriate, group affiliation for the record.
4. Citizens will confine their remarks to matters currently pending on the floor, and be brief and concise in making their remarks;
5. If a citizen becomes repetitive or, in the opinion of the Chair, takes an inordinate amount of time in making comments, that citizen will be ruled out of order and the Commission will continue with its business;
6. Citizens should address all remarks to the Commission as a whole, and not to individual Commissioners.

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