



**CITY OF PEORIA
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Friday, December 16, 2011
8:30 a.m.

**456 Fulton Street – Room 402
Peoria, IL**

- AGENDA -

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES – Approval:

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Emergency Solutions Grant:

1. 2011 ESG (Second Allotment)
2. 2012 ESG Entitlement

B. Other Business

C. Citizen Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Please call Leslie McKnight, at 494-8651 or email lmcknight@ci.peoria.il.us for additional information.

**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS:
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Human Resources Commission was held in the Twin Towers Building, PGM Department, 456 Fulton St., Suite 402, Peoria, Illinois, on November 21, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. Chairperson Simkins called the meeting to order @ 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Commissioners were present:, Estella Vallejo, Katherine Coyle, Jim Hancock, Jay McCormick, Judy Oakford, Nancy Rakoff, Jim Simkins, and Chet Tomczyk;
Absent: Erica Baird

Staff Present: Mike Sims and Linda Belcher
Others present: Emily Cahill, Center for Prevention of Abuse; Patty Fuchs,
Goodwill Industries; Christine Kahl, South Side Office of Concern;
Pam Schubach

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2011, meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Oakford to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2011, meeting; Seconded by Commissioner Coyle; Approved 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, by viva voce vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on 2012 Public Service Grants

Mr. Sims informed Commissioners that the HRC recommendation for funding of 2012 CDBG Public Service Grants would be on the December 13, 2011, City Council Agenda. Chairperson Simkins invited all Commissioners to attend the meeting.

B. Presentation from Emily Cahill, Central Illinois Continuum of Care on the HEARTH ACT

Ms. Cahill gave an overview of The Hearth Act regulations, based on a power point presentation from HUD, which she distributed to Commissioners. She indicated that HUD wants our community to work together and coordinate services to avoid duplication of services. She indicated that it is no longer acceptable to fund small pots, that there needs to be a central service point to receive calls and route them to the best agency for their needs. HUD wants to see what the community-wide plan is for housing and that there is a support system in place. Ms. Cahill stated that the HEARTH ACT requires communities to work together with a Continuum of Care and requires the C of C to work with the City.

Mike Sims distributed a HEARTH Act Summary Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rule, prepared by Leslie McKnight, which shows allocations from HUD for ESG and Emergency Solutions Grants for 2011. Mr. Sims said there will be a different kind of learning curve with the Emergency Solutions Grant. The Interim Rules become effective 30 days after they are published by HUD. The City has received additional ESG funds for 2011 of \$47,801 and will be working under the Interim Rule Regulations until final regulations are approved. The City will need to prepare a Substantial Amendment and is waiting for further guidance from HUD in order for the Substantial Amendment to be prepared. Typically, new grants are awarded after the City receives a letter indicating the dollar amount. This is followed by the City's receipt of HUD's contract award, which is signed by the City and returned to HUD. The grant funds become available approximately 3 weeks after HUD's receipt of the contract.

Commissioner Rakoff stated that she was concerned about getting the 2012 ESG funds to applicants without delay and questioned whether it was fair of us to wait to meet until the HRC regular meeting on December 16th. She mentioned that the application process is well beyond our normal timeframe. Commissioner Hancock said there is still time to do a funding process since the City receives its HUD funds late.

Chairperson Simkins mentioned the HRC's concern that we need to move forward with the 2012 ESG funds the City receives each year. The HRC's recommendation was that we release the RFP's in October so we could get some information to the agencies, but Staff denied that request. He indicated that the Commission would like to move forward with the projected funds for Emergency Solutions funds for 2012.

Ms. Cahill referred the Commissioners to HUD's website HUDhre.info for more information regarding the HEARTH Act. Pam Schubach said that HUD is saying to go ahead with existing regulations.

Mr. Sims indicated that we typically don't know what our funds are going to be as we go through the process. He indicated that Staff would come back in December and try to lay out as much process and timeframe as possible, understanding that this may be subject to change.

Commissioners indicated they are willing to meet earlier in December if Ms. McKnight feels it is necessary. Mr. Sims indicated that Ms. McKnight will talk with Chairperson Simkins about the timeframe and the information that Commissioners want, and we will try to package as much information as we can for the HRC for the next meeting on December 16th.

C. Election of HRC Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hancock suggested that Commissioners nominate Jim Simkins as Chairperson and Nancy Rakoff as Vice-Chairperson.

There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Commissioner Hancock made a motion to nominate Jim Simkins as Chairperson and Nancy Rakoff as Vice-Chairperson; Seconded by Commissioner Coyle; Approved by viva voce vote.

Chairperson Simkins thanked Ms. Cahill for her presentation to the HRC, and again thanked the Commissioners for all the work they do.

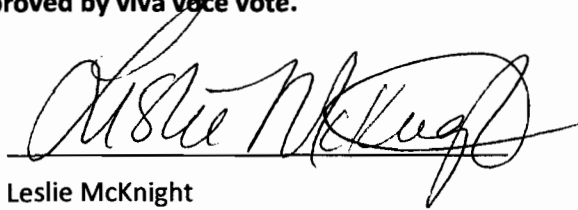
Citizen Comments

Pam Schubach thanked the HRC for getting together with representatives of the Continuum of Care, and asked if the Commissioners would be open to receiving emails of minutes of Continuum of Care meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Coyle to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m.; Seconded by Commissioner McCormick; Approved by viva voce vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie McKnight", is written over a horizontal line.

Leslie McKnight

Community Development Manager