



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
October 9, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present

Dan Witcher, Chairman
Ron Crockett
Todd Dolehanty
Spence Flagg
Ella Kane
Vernon Perry
Marjorie Tester

Members Absent

Chase Mitchell

Others Present

Alan Pickle, Guest Speaker
Lindsey Muller, ARCH AmeriCorps
Christina Blevins, Staff

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) meeting was called to order on October 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex by Chairman Dan Witcher.

Christina Blevins called the roll, members present/absent are noted above, Dan noted that a quorum is present.

Dan welcomed Alan Pickle and Lindsey Muller to the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes, September 11, 2018 Meeting:

Dan Witcher asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes. No changes or corrections were needed. Marjorie Tester made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, Todd Dolehanty seconded the motion, all present were in favor and none opposed.

III. Guest Speaker, Alan Pickle, Operation HOPE

Dan welcome Alan Pickle as speaker. Alan discussed the Operation HOPE started in our region back in April 2018, Operation HOPE is a non-profit organization with a mission to disrupt poverty and empower inclusion for the low and moderate income persons in our area. Alan gave same history on Operation HOPE as was started back in 1992 by John Hope Bryant, he is still CEO today and more information can be found online. Operation HOPE is partnering with First Tennessee Bank, equipping people with financial education and a support partner to empower them to secure a better future for themselves. Alan asked the group to review a pamphlet he handed out, adding that Operation HOPE provides workshops for credit management, business

and an entrepreneur program. Alan discussed partnerships and that Operation Hope was developed to try and bring an ease to the banking system, participants do not have to use First Tennessee Bank. Alan added that future plans include programs for the youth and working to change generational poverty.

Alan asked the group to help him in meeting organizations or individuals that could use the services offered by Operation HOPE, he noted that he is very flexible and will make himself available as needed.

Ron Crockett asked about the Salvation Army of Bristol, they are expecting to change focus and help with generational poverty also and he feels this could fit very well in supplementing that new direction. Alan responded that he would be happy to help and asked Ron to pass along his information.

Vernon Perry asked about the Haven of Rest, they have a "Lighthouse Program" where participants are getting ready to go back into society, they are looking for someone to come in and teach the group to budget, help with credit scores and so forth. Vernon said they have about 15 in the program. Alan said he has worked with ARCH for group homes in the past and he would be interested in working with them.

Ron Crockett asked Alan about as interest in speaking to a small program for former addicts that his church is involved with. Alan noted that he is interested just remember that some people don't have the capacity to retain all the information given but he is happy to work with any group in our region.

Ella Kane asked for additional pamphlets, she noted she does sit on Bristol Housing Board and would love to see more transition out of public housing. Ella noted that the resident councils are always looking for educational speakers.

Dan thanked Alan for speaking to the group and stated that he appreciates his efforts and First Tennessee Bank.

Dan stated that before moving on he would like to recognize Lindsey Muller, our ARCH AmeriCorps volunteer. Lindsey introduced herself to the committee stating that she is an ETSU social work student doing her internship through AmeriCorps with ARCH. Lindsey stated that she will be at the Bristol Public Library on Monday's and the Haven of Rest of Tuesday's doing intakes and taking individual's information for homeless / homeless prevention. Lindsey will be adding contact information to HUD's Coordinated Entry System, once entered it will show what programs they may qualify for in our area. Lynsey noted that when ARCH receives funding from HUD for their Emergency Solutions Grant, ARCH will also be able to place people into housing.

IV. Old Business:

CDBG & HOME Consortium Project Update - Christina presented the September monthly report for both CDBG and HOME. She stated that the CDBG program is currently working on two emergency rehabs, three substantial rehabs and we are partnering with the HOME grant to complete a reconstruction. CDBG just completed two demolitions and we have one more potential in the Environmental Review phase at this time. Christina added that three substantial rehab's had been on our wait list for a year.

Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) 2017-18 Update – Christina said the 2017-18 CAPER was submitted to HUD last Friday as it had a due date of September 30th. Christina added that she has not heard by from HUD on if we needed to make any changes yet, but as soon as it's approved she will send a copy to the committee. Christina was able to fill in additional information to the CAPER regarding homelessness in our region after a conversation with Anne Cooper. Christina said that after she made those changes to the Homeless information she felt really good about the CAPER.

Neighborhood Grant Award Update – Christina discussed several changes with the purchasing of the grant supplies this year. ASD will purchase the materials, keep the receipts and the City will reimburse them for those materials discussed in the grant up to \$5,000. ASD and Haynesfield now have the go-ahead to move forward on the project. Christina added that the garden maybe off a little from the timeline in the grant contract, but she's not concerned about that as plans are still to have CDAC review signage and have the ribbon cutting in the spring.

V. New Business:

None

VI. Other Matters:

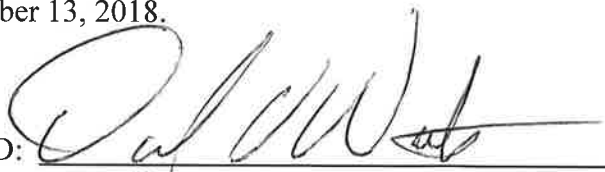
Dan noted the Proclamation for National Homeownership Month, it was presented to our committee back in June but since we had a busy September meeting he wasn't able to bring it up then. Dan gave Christina the actual Proclamation to keep in the archives.

Discussion from the group on the Bristol Hiring Expo coming up, Todd asked about how business could participate and Christina gave him Jon Luttrell's contact information with Economic Development.

VII. Announcements & Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018.

APPROVED: 
Dan Witcher, Chair


Christina Blevins, Recorder