

Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Busch Building – 2 West Conference Room
6:00 P.M.

Members Present:	Delilah Jackson, Chair; Erin Gray; Earle Doman; Kate Stockton; David Carr; and Brandy McShane
Absent	Angela Dowler-Pryor, Vice Chair; Christina Dicken
Staff	Bob Atchley, Senior Planner, Planning and Development; Tom Rykowski, Assistant City Attorney, Law; Brendan Griesemer, Assistant Director, Planning and Development; Bob Jones, Community Development Loan Officer, Planning and Development; Monica Meador, Financial Analyst, Planning and Development; Glenda Troop, Accounting Technician, Planning and Development; and Lisa Gateley, Administrative Assistant, Planning and Development
Others Present:	Linda Simkins, Citizen; Eric Wood, Citizen
Attendance	Delilah Jackson, Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the 2 nd Floor West Conference Room of the Busch Municipal Building. Attendance was taken.
Welcome and Introductions	Welcome by Ms. Jackson, Chair and introductions of Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development members as well as City staff.
Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the following draft meeting minutes: August 28, 2018 – CACCD Meeting Brandy McShane moved to approve the minutes as presented. Earle Doman seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: David Carr, Erin Gray, Brandy McShane, Kate Stockton, Delilah Jackson and Earle Doman. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Angela Dowler-Pryor and Christina Dicken.
Discussion and Review – Fiscal Year 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)	Bob Atchley, Senior Planner recognized and thanked the City staff members that have been involved in the process. Mr. Atchley provided a PowerPoint Presentation with a review of the process, timeline and accomplishments for the Fiscal Year 2017. Photos of completed projects were included in the presentation. Mr. Atchley began his presentation by informing the group that the fifteen-day public comment and review period opens on September 12, 2018. Electronic copies of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) are available on the City of Springfield website and have been pushed out on social media. Physical copies of the CAPER available in the Planning and Development Office, as well as copies that will be available in all the Library branches in Springfield. The public comment period ends on September 26, 2018. The City Planning and Development Staff will have September 27 and 28, 2018 to review comments. All

written comments received, along with the minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting will be included in the final submission to HUD of the CAPER in IDIS, as well as attached to the final Word version of the document.

During the overview, the Committee made comments and briefly asked questions about the Pepperdine School being renovated and converted into the O'Reilly Center for Hope and discussion about transportation when it reopens. Discussion was also held about the HELP Program and how it works.

Public Comments Chair Jackson outlined the procedures for public comments for the public hearing.

Citizen Eric Wood requested that public comments not be limited to five minutes due to only having two citizens in attendance.

Chair Jackson advised that additional time would be allowed due to only having two citizens in attendance.

Ms. McShane thanked Mr. Atchley for the presentation and inquired about assistance for tenants with problematic landlords. A brief discussion ensued in which it was determined that the Citizen Resource Center would be the best contact for complaints.

Ms. Simkins requested information about what the repayment of the Section 108 loans is. Ms. Meador, Financial Analyst advised that there is not a category for this item within IDIS but the City Planning and Development Department has a Small Business Recap Program that began around 2004. It is additional funding beyond the HUD funding that the City is allowed to receive and was approved through HUD. It is a bond payment outside of the CDBG program that is made back to HUD annually and it was approved by HUD around 2004. There is not a category in IDIS for this, so HUD advised that the City place it in under the Section 108 repayment section. Ms. Simkins asked how to differentiate between the commercial loans and Section 108 loans? Mr. Griesemer advised that the Commercial Loan Program is money that is derived from repayment of loans. Ms. Meador advised that Section 108 payments do not go through IDIS, but the Section 108 loans may be used for small business and that's what was chosen to use it for. Ms. Simkins asked if the City of Springfield has another small business loan program? Ms. Meador advised that the two HUD funded programs are the Micro-Enterprise or Business Incentive Loan Program for businesses with five or less employees. Ms. Simkins asked if there is non-HUD funded commercial loans? Ms. Meador advised that the City Planning and Development Department does not have any that she is aware of that are not HUD funded.

Mr. Wood introduced himself and advised that he has reviewed the past five years of reports. Mr. Wood expressed concern that the numbers are all wacky in the CAPER. He expressed his concern regarding page 3 of the CAPER showing the expected strategic plan versus the actual strategic plan being so different. Mr. Wood also expressed concern that the CACCD are the rubber stampers and the emergency expenditure for FY 2017 of \$5 million dollars and shovel ready projects were all against their wishes. Mr. Wood indicated that they submitted fifty some signatures to HUD requesting for it not to be done, but the prior CACCD members rubber stamped it and passed it through. Ms. McShane inquired with Mr. Wood if he is referring to the Doling Neighborhood when he said, "against our wishes"? Mr. Wood expressed that he is referring to the citizenry of poor Springfield. Mr. Wood expressed his opinion that they did not get any playgrounds on the north side. Ms. McShane expressed her question of who Mr. Wood is referring to when he refers to "we" if he is speaking on behalf of specific neighborhood groups or who specifically as fifty people from the city or specific area? Ms. Simkins provided

clarification that the petition was generated and signed when the City of Springfield was proposing to spend \$1.5 million of the funds for daylighting Jordan Creek and a group of citizens signed the petition against using HUD funds for it. Mr. Wood expressed his concern that when he refers to “we” he is referring to poor citizens on the north side. Ms. McShane requested clarification from Mr. Wood point if it is for the CACCD to take more input from citizen area groups because that is a topic that they have discussed. Mr. Wood expressed his concern that his message is to reach out to the people to hear what the neighborhoods really want. He expressed that he is going to provide written comments. Ms. McShane requested clarification from Mr. Wood that if his other point is that the people that would benefit from the funds are unaware of what is available? Mr. Wood advised that is half the problem and the other half is that there is no mechanism to make them aware. Ms. McShane advised that these are all topics of discussion at current meetings. Mr. Wood expressed concern for colors picked for the inspection list as well as the map that is included in the CAPER.

Ms. Simkins addressed the CACCD and encouraged that next year HUD funds be used for dangerous building inspections and code enforcement for Building Development Services. Discussion about inspections and code enforcement being funded by HUD funding. Mr. Griesemer advised that something similar had been completed with HUD funding previously in 2009. The funds could not be used for regular operations it had to be multi-pronged. In 2009, HUD funds were used specifically for a program within the West Central Neighborhood which helped to fund partial salary of an attorney, for additional emphasis on prosecution once the inspectors could bring them in, as well as partial code enforcement salary for a specific area, and partial police officer salary for increased presence within that area. HUD funds may be used; however, the funds must be utilized as a part of a bigger program. Ms. Gray asked if this could be done again and if the Commission could see the results from the program from 2009. Mr. Griesemer advised that it could be looked at. Mr. Griesemer noted that CDBG funds may not be used to run the general operation of the government.

Mr. Jones provided some details from HUD guidelines regarding use of funds for code enforcement.

(Exhibit A - 2009-2010 West Central Neighborhood Stabilization Program - emailed to CACCD members on September 12, 2018)

New Business Mr. Doman recommended that the City Council Criteria be added back to the agenda for the next meeting to determine what the CACCD would like to recommend.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Busch Municipal Building – 2nd Floor, West Conference Room

Adjournment: Chair Jackson thanked everyone for their meeting attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Prepared by Lisa Gateley

Delilah Jackson, Chair

The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Community Development was approved at the September 25, 2018 meeting of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Community Development.

2009-2010 West Central Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The West Central Neighborhood is one of the City's most centrally located neighborhood areas and is located within the City's prospering urban center. The neighborhood is also one of the most unstable and troubled residential areas. West Central suffers from the lowest homeownership rates in the City, which contributes to excessive criminal activity, blight, and other characteristics that reduce the quality of life in the neighborhood.



The one-year long, West Central Neighborhood Stabilization Program (WCNSP) was a neighborhood improvement program targeted at increasing and enhancing the level and efficiency of City and community services in the West Central Neighborhood. In particular, the program directed resources toward increased crime prevention and code enforcement activities in ailing areas of the neighborhood, where crime and blight are an increasing problem. Assistance from Community Partnership of the Ozarks and Urban Neighborhoods Alliance was used to support City forces in an attempt to arrest the deterioration of the neighborhood, increase the interaction among residents, and to increase the sense of community in the West Central Neighborhood. Below are a few of the outstanding statistics that are a result of the efforts referenced above.

- Resolved 918 blight and nuisance issues
- 20 emergency home repair projects
- 16 neighborhood service projects
- 177 volunteers participated
- Properties cleaned-up 105
- Filled 12 dumpsters of brush, bulk trash, and scrap metal
- Prosecuted and reviewed over 650 municipal citations and tickets
- Made 3 felony arrests
- Federal indictment of 2 gang members
- Seizure of 7 lbs. of marijuana and other illegal drugs
- Recovered 3 stolen cars
- Created 18 blocks of Neighborhood Watch
- Served 7 search warrants
- Made 20 misdemeanor arrests