

PUBLIC HEARING #1

June 29, 2004

Public Hearing on housing and community development needs and to decide on budget categories for FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant funding process.

Minutes from 6/29 meeting are attached

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COLORADO 80501

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004, the City of Longmont will hold the first of a series of Public Hearings to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the City of Longmont for the FY 2005-2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. These hearings are part of the process through which the City will gather input for its new five year Consolidated Plan, required for receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

This hearing will be held:
Tuesday, June 29, 2004
Council Chambers
Longmont Civic
Center Complex
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, CO 80501
7:00 p.m.

If you have a disability or are non-English speaking and require accommodations to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Longmont Community Development Block Grant Office as early as possible at (303) 774-4339. A minimum of three working days prior to the public hearing would be appreciated so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Children are welcome to attend with their parents. For more information, call Kathy Fedler at (303) 651-8736 or Sally Raney at (303) 774-4339 or go to the city's website at www.ci.longmont.co.us and look under the "News and Events" section.

Para informacion en Español, llame Enrique a 303.774.4445.
Published in the Daily Times-Call, Longmont, Colorado, on June 14, 2004.

Council member McCoy moved, seconded by Wilson, to adopt Ordinance O-2004-50 on second reading. Motion carried: 7-0.

E. O-2004-51, Public Hearing and Second Reading for a Bill for an Ordinance Designating the Longmont National Bank, 400 Main Street as a Local Historical Landmark

Gordon Pedrow, City Manager, read the title of the ordinance into the record. There was no formal staff presentation on this item.

Mayor Pirnack opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council on this issue, the public hearing was closed.

Council member Lange moved, seconded by Block, to adopt Ordinance O-2004-51 on second reading. Motion carried: 7-0.

F. Public Hearing on Possible Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a "Float Loan" and Amendment to 2004 CDBG Action Plan

Kathy Fedler, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator, explained to Council that this request is to move CDBG funds from one property for another program called a "float loan." If CDBG has too much money left on its letter of credit by November, Housing and Urban Development can reclaim it. Since CDBG obtained the grant late this year, it has only seven months to spend the funds instead of the normal nine months. CDBG is proposing to use up to \$200,000 of the money allocated for the rehab program (\$310,000) to fund Thistle's infrastructure project starting in mid-July. She added that CDBG has already allocated housing fund loans for the Blue Vista project and will repay the HUD money with the affordable housing fund loans from Blue Vista. The 2004 action plan will be amended to reflect this transaction.

Responding to Council member Lange's question about Blue Vista's schedule, Mr. Fedler answered that the Blue Vista project will be moving forward with CDBG funds or with affordable housing funds. At the moment, the project is behind schedule, in part because additional easements were needed.

Mayor Pirnack opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council on this issue, the public hearing was closed.

Council member Brown moved, seconded by Block to approve the CDBG Float Loan and amendment of the 2004 CDBG Action Plan. Motion carried: 7-0.

G. Public Hearing on CDBG Needs and Approval of Budget for the 2005 CDBG Program

Kathy Fedler, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator, discussed this item which sets the budget for the 2005 CDBG program and the Affordable Housing Program for

2004. The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is recommending that funds be allocated to a number of projects in four categories as outlined in the Council communication. The HRC is not recommending funds for the neighborhood revitalization category because funds still have not been spent from previous years. She also indicated to Council that maps in the Council communication show where affordable housing project funds have been dispersed.

Responding to Council member McCoy's query about the status of neighborhood revitalization, Ms. Fedler responded that CDBG has been reaching out to neighborhoods in conjunction with Neighborhood Resources. The Neighborhood Improvement Program is administered through Neighborhood Resources. Because there is a single application process for all Neighborhood Programs, the burden of determining which funds to apply for is removed from the neighborhood groups. Since there is still over \$100,000 that needs to be allocated, CDBG did not feel additional funds were necessary at this time. She added that CDBG was interested in designing a rental rehab program to help owners make improvements to their rental properties. Ms. Fedler advised Council that CDBG would like to generate a proposal by the end of this year to commence in 2005.

Mayor Pirnack wanted to know if CDBG money would be applicable to any early childhood needs projects. She also wondered how difficult it would be to shift funds around in any of the categories listed.

Ms. Fedler explained to Mayor Pirnack that CDBG funds historically are used for capital projects. So, these funds could be used to acquire or rehabilitate a building (and/or an exterior playground area) to make it child-safe. *Depending on the application, decisions are made on what to fund. Some play is available with the percentages. CDBG can fund beyond what is budgeted by moving funds from one category to the other.*

Responding to Council member Lange's question about Bohn Farm, Ms. Fedler indicated that the Bohn Farm Neighborhood group is planning to construct a bus shelter and information kiosk at one intersection. The group has also identified a neighborhood clean-up campaign where the City pays for dumpsters so the neighborhood can participate in a free throw-away project.

Mayor Pirnack opened a public hearing on this item. There being no one present to address Council at this time, the public hearing was closed.

Council member Block moved, seconded by Brown to approve the budget requests presented by staff. Motion carried: 7-0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

HOUSING & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE



The City of Longmont is now accepting project applications for 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding from interested agencies, organizations, builders and developers. These funds come to the City through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2005 grant plus program income is estimated to be between \$650,200 and \$715,000. Funds will be set aside and used for the following projects and programs: Housing Rehabilitation - \$280,000, Down Payment Assistance - \$45,000, Homeownership Training - \$15,000, Downtown Commercial Revitalization - \$12,000 (estimated program income amount) and up to \$129,200 for administration of the grant. In addition, the city is making funding available from its Affordable Housing Fund in the amount of \$1,600,000.

Funds are available for projects in the following categories: (These amounts are estimated. Final amounts will be determined once Congress has set actual funding levels.)

<u>Types of Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Funds</u>
Affordable Housing	\$1,669,080 to \$1,711,200
Community Improvements	\$87,480 to \$97,200

All funds must be used to support and serve low and moderate income persons and families.

Affordable Housing Projects – can include new construction of housing, acquisition of land or existing housing units, rehabilitation of existing housing, pre-development costs, transitional housing, IDA programs, and other programs to support the provision of housing.

Community Improvements Projects – can include physical improvements to buildings owned and operated by non-profit organizations, provision of eligible services to low and moderate income persons by non-profit organizations, such as employment, job training, crime prevention, child care, health care, drug abuse, education, fair housing, or counseling.

Applications are due by **5:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2004** to Kathy Fedler, CDBG Coordinator, at the Civic Center Complex, 350 Kimbark Street. No applications will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. The application forms can be obtained from this same address or by calling (303) 774-4339.

A **technical assistance meeting** to answer any questions in preparing an application will be held:

Friday, July 14, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
Council Study Session Room
 350 Kimbark Street • Longmont, CO 80501

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Times - Call - 71104

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETING
FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS**

July 14, 2004

Two potential applicants came to the meeting. Their potential projects were discussed, possible partners for the projects and what they would need to do to either make their project eligible or improve their applications.

- Bruce Bailey – Co-housing project
- Robert Eiserman, Addiction Treatment Center