CITY OF NEWARK
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fifth-Floor Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2015

I. Roll Call and Introductions

At 5:05 p.m., Chairperson Nagy called the meeting to order. Present: Members Nillo, Freitas, Fitts, Hentschke, and Lucia.

Staff present: Terrence Grindall, Community Development Director; Peggy Claassen, Public Works Director; and Yesenia Jimenez, Assistant Planner.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2014 Meeting

Member Fitts moved, Member Hentschke seconded, to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2013. The motion passedwith six ayes.

III. Staff Reports

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Status Report
B. Recommendations for 2015-2016 Jurisdiction Improvement Program Funds
C. Affordable Housing Fund Status Report

Assistant Planner Jimenez presented the *CDBG Status Report* staff report and mentioned that the amount of CDBG funds for fiscal year 2015-2016 was expected to increase slightly from the previous year. She reviewed the breakdown of those funds and the number and types of projects that were funded in the last year, including housing rehabilitation projects. She also said that county staff mentioned to her that people were continuously calling and coming in for minor home repair and housing rehabilitation applications.

Assistant Planner Jimenez presented the *Recommendations for 2015-2016 Jurisdiction Improvement Program Funds* staff report. Jimenez stated that the staff recommendation was to allocate all of the jurisdiction improvement funds to the Housing Rehabilitation Program, as the City had completed the Park Pathways project in June 2014 and would be designing a similar project in the future. She also announced that in the previous fiscal year, about $350,000 of unspent funds the City had accumulated over the years was used as supplemental funding for the Park Pathways project. She said this resulted in $450,000 total CDBG funding for the project. The recommendation that all of the funds be used for the Housing Rehabilitation Program passed unanimously.

Assistant Planner Jimenez presented the *Affordable Housing Fund Status Report* and provided members with a Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program flyer. She mentioned that county staff issued 33 MCC's countywide and none in Newark. She said that she spoke to County staff to inquire about why few or no MCC's are issued every year and the County responded that the eligibility requirements make it difficult for people in Newark to qualify. Chairperson Nagy asked if it was the price of the home or the mortgage of the home that made it difficult for people to qualify. Assistant Planner Jimenez explained that it was the maximum purchase price of $550,000, along with a maximum income limit of $106,835 that makes eligibility difficult. Committee members agreed that the funds should continue to be used for the HMIS and MCC fees, as well as to implement housing element programs.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.