I. Roll Call and Introductions

At 5:00 pm, Chairperson Nagy called the meeting to order.
Present: Members Bernie Nillo, Bill Fitts, Luis Freitas, Eric Hentschke, Jeff Lucia

Staff Present: Terrence Grindall, Assistant City Manager; Trang Tran, Senior Civil Engineer; and Sofia Mangalam, Senior Planner

II. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2018 Meeting

Correction to the date on the minutes from January 31, 2019 to January 25, 2018.

Members Nillo moved, Member Hentschke seconded, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Reports

A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) status report
B. Recommendations for 2017-2018 Jurisdiction Improvement Program Funds
C. Affordable Housing Fund Status Report

Senior Planner Sofia Mangalam presented the CDBG status fund report. She presented the breakdown of CDBG funds and how these funds are used. She discussed number of Minor Home repairs completed, homes under construction and homes scheduled in current FY18-19. Chairperson Nagy inquired about how the Housing rehabilitation programs are advertised in the City. Mangalam mentioned that the Urban County had a booth set up in ‘Newark Days’. Grindall mentioned that our code enforcement officer distributes brochures to the home owners that might need these funds. Mangalam mentioned that rehabilitation projects are now funded under Capital Projects Pools program.

Mangalam presented the recommendations for 2019-20 Jurisdiction Improvement Program Funds staff report and stated that the staff recommendation was to allocate all of the jurisdiction improvement funds of amount $134,417 to the Citywide ADA Compliance Improvements. Trang made presentation on the projects that would be undertaken this FY 2018-19 and next 2019-20 including Bridgepointe Park and Sports Field Park. Eric asked if staff is recommending any specific dollar amount to these projects for next fiscal year, to which Mangalam replied that the amount is an estimate based on this fiscal year funding. Members Nillo moved, Member Hentschke seconded, to recommend to the City Council to allocate all of the City’s 2019-20 JIP funds to Citywide ADA Compliance Improvements. The motion passed unanimously.
Assistant City Manager Terrence Grindall also presented the Affordable Housing Fund Status report and stated at the end of June 2018, the balance in the housing fund was approximately $12.6 million which can be used for promoting variety of projects promoting housing. Chairperson Nagy mentioned that the prices in the City has grown tremendously as compared to the other cities.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.