

## **CDBG Council Workshop Notes**

**Wednesday July 5, 2017 1:00 pm**

Present: Honorable Mayor Harold Miller, City Manager Travis L. Blosser, George Ash, Fred Marsh, Matt Provenzano, Enzo, Fracasso, Mark Miller, Jessica Gumm, Urban Design Ventures Kate Baurnes, and Karl Haglund.

Absent: Tim Connell, Doug Jackson, and Terry Weigel.

Others: Rod Rosnick, Bruce Lamp, Matt Burskey, Weirton Christian Center, A Childs Place Casa, Change Inc DBA Comfort House, Dunbar Center, WTOV9, and Herald Star.

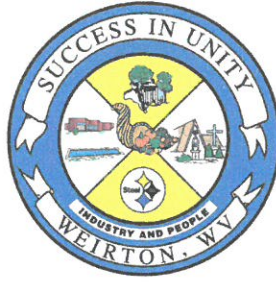
The City of Weirton received an allotment of \$375,660 for the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant. The Planning and Development Department recommended a budget (see attachment) that would fund all projects that were eligible for the CDBG funds. It is ultimately council's decision to choose who and what projects to fund. The Annual Action Plan is due by August 16, 2017 to HUD. There is a 14-day display period before City Council's final approval on August 7, 2017.

Mr. Ash and Mr. Marsh proposed to eliminate all projects except General Administration, Fair Housing, Code Enforcement, Increase patrols for police, eligible streets, and the waterline project.

Mr. Provenzano and Fracasso proposed to keep funding as recommended by the City except for the facility passes by the Park Board. Both Provenzano and Fracasso, felt that all the non-profit agencies should be funded.

Karl, from Urban Design Ventures, reminded the council members the goals that the City decided on in their 5-year plan for the Community Development Block Grant. These goals included: Public Services, Infrastructure, Fair Housing, Community Facilities, Code Enforcement, Clearance, Public Safety, and Administration and Planning.

Honorable Mayor Miller suggested that the deserved to funded for the all their work that they do in the community. Miller also said that Officer Spencer with Weirton Police Department mentioned that Change Inc. provides assistance for free when the police have child abuse cases.



Mr. Ash then proposed to fund CASA, Weirton Christian Center, and Dunbar along with General Administration, Fair Housing, Code Enforcement, Increase patrols for police, eligible streets, and the waterline project.

The Council members were not able to agree upon a budget. Another workshop will be held early next week.