

Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held remotely.

Recording at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/urban-county-policy-board>

February 14, 2022

URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Julie Olson	Clark County
Mayor Philip Johnson	City of Battle Ground
Jim Hodges	City of Camas
Mayor Greg Thornton	City of La Center
Councilor Ron Onslow	City of Ridgefield
David Scott	City of Washougal
Councilor Marina Viray	Town of Yacolt

GUESTS

Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers, Emily Lutz (City of Battle Ground); Brenda Howell (City of Ridgefield); Bob Lohn (New Heights Clinic); Carmen Castro, Gigi Olguin (Hispanic Chamber); Vince Collins, Morgan Gist (Recovery Café); Emma Frieberg, Vanessa Yarie, Kaitlin (YWCA); Carmen Madrid (MESO); Jamie Spinelli (City of Vancouver); Joshua Ollinger, Scott Sharba, Victor Caesar (Vancouver Housing Authority); John McDonagh, Janet Kenefsky (Greater Vancouver Chamber); Katie Ulrich (Proud Ground); Tim Foley (Second Step Housing); Scott Conger, Dennis Morrow (Janus Youth); Gina VanDyken, Jeff Zawada (Lifeline Connections); Angela Morrow, Dianne Harmon (Salvation Army); Hannah Cotter (Mercy Corps NW); Katie Louis, Amy Reynolds (Share)

STAFF

Michael Torres, Emily Langston, Rebecca Royce, Janet Snook

I. Introductions

II. September 13, 2021, and January 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion made by Ron Onslow and seconded by Dave Scott.

III. Vice-Chair election

Jim Hodges made a motion to reelect Ron Onslow as vice chair. Motion carried.

IV. Program updates

An update on HOME ARP funds will be given in a future meeting.

V. Application presentations

Camas NW 14th improvements

Request: \$212,000 CDBG

Presenter: Jim Hodges

Upgrades water line, reconstructs severely damaged sidewalk and street, and adds ADA ramps near Crown Park.

New Heights primary care clinic construction

Request: \$600,000 CDBG

Presenter: Bob Lohn

Placement of modular unit to continue operations of day and evening medical and dental clinics and outreach to low-income persons. Current facilities are not suitable for social distancing and lack accessibility for persons with mobility issues.

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Recovery Café Recovery Navigator Program acquisition Request: \$200,000 CDBG

Presenter: Morgan Gist

Purchase building for services for persons recovering from substance abuse.

Ridgefield Gee Creek Loop improvements

Request: \$195,000 CDBG

Presenter: Brenda Howell

Improvements to street and storm facilities in low-income modular home community.

Washougal Hamlik Park ½ basketball court

Request: \$50,000 CDBG

Presenter: Dave Scott

Constructs ½ basketball court in park surrounded by low-income housing.

Greater Vancouver Chamber Pathways to Opportunity Request: \$90,000 CDBG

Presenter: Janet Kenefsky, John McDonagh

Business development through no cost business assistance and navigation. Includes education and coaching.

Hispanic Chamber Latino/a business assistance

Request: \$78,600 CDBG

Presenter: Carmen Castro

Business development for Latino/a-centric small businesses. Includes education and coaching.

Mercy Corps NW business IDA program

Request: \$289,100 CDBG

Presenter: Hannah Cotter

IDA asset-building support to help small business start-ups.

MESO micro-enterprise assistance

Request: \$50,400 CDBG

Presenter: Carmen Madrid

Small business services and cultural support for businesses outside the City of Vancouver.

Proud Ground homeownership assistance

Request: \$300,000 CDBG or HOME

Presenter: Katie Ulrich

Community land-trust model for home purchasing, creating permanent affordability of the home.

Second Step Housing market rate unit acquisition

Request: \$400,000 HOME

Presenter: Tim Foley

Acquires existing units for housing for people escaping homelessness.

VHA Weaver Creek Commons construction

Request: \$750,000 HOME

Presenter: Scott Sharba, Victor Caesar,

Constructs 80-units of workforce housing in Battle Ground.

Tenant-based rental assistance	CDBG Request	HOME Request
Janus Youth The Nest	\$20,000	\$100,000
Lifeline Connections Recovery	\$25,100	\$125,400
Salvation Army Pathways of Hope	\$18,000	\$72,000
Share ASPIRE	\$50,000	\$250,000
YWCA Domestic Violence	\$0	\$151,200

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VI. Other

- Public Comment: none
- Applications scores due Monday, March 7. Scoring is done in Neighborly. Contact Emily with questions.
- Next meeting, March 14, 9:30am, virtually.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.