

# Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

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

February 13, 2023

## **URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Glen Yung

Deputy Mayor Cherish DesRochers

Jim Hodges

Jeff Swanson

Councilor Ron Onslow

David Scott

Tracy Coleman

Councilor Marina Viray

Clark County

City of Battle Ground

City of Camas

City of La Center

City of Ridgefield

City of Washougal

City of Woodland

Town of Yacolt

## **GUESTS**

Emily Lutz, Mark Herceg (City of Battle Ground); Allen Westersund (City of Camas); Grant Williams (City of Ridgefield); Jeff Swanson (City of La Center); Carmen Castro, Becca Porter (Hispanic Chamber); 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); Thalia McDaid-O'Neill (Share); Joseph Sullivan

## **STAFF**

Michael Torres, Emily Langston, Rebecca Royce, Janet Snook

### **I. Introductions**

### **II. January 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved following a motion made by Jim Hodges and seconded by Dave Scott.

### **III. Application presentations**

#### **Ridgefield Hall & Elm improvements**

Request: \$232,470 CDBG

Presenter: Grant Williams

Upgrades water line, reconstructs severely damaged sidewalk and street, and adds ADA ramps on Hall and Elm between 1<sup>st</sup> and Railroad Avenues.

#### **Battle Ground NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street Sidewalks**

Request: \$210,000 CDBG

Presenter: Mark Herceg

Add sidewalks, including curb, gutter, lighting, storm drainage, and ADA improvements on NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street between NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Central Park, leading to high school.

#### **Camas NW Benton St improvements**

Request: \$280,000 CDBG

Presenter: Allen Westersund

Improvements to road, sidewalk, curb ramps, and sanitary sewer line, on Benton, NW 14<sup>th</sup>-NW 16<sup>th</sup>. Roads and sanitary sewers were originally constructed in 1913 and 1926.

#### **Washougal Hamlik Park basketball court improvements**

Request: \$129,000 CDBG

Presenter: Dave Scott

In combination with funding awarded with 2021 CDBG funds, project expands installation of a half basketball court to a full basketball court, along with restores other items eliminated from previous awards due to cost, and includes other park improvements.

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## **Greater Vancouver Chamber business technical assistance**

Request: \$71,000 CDBG

Presenter: Janet Kenefsky, John McDonagh

Pathways to Opportunity and Development (POD) offers professional and individualized guidance for business development through no cost business assistance and navigation. Includes education and coaching.

## **Hispanic Chamber Latino/a business assistance**

Request: \$80,000 CDBG

Presenter: Carmen Castro

Business development for Latino/a-centric small businesses. Includes education and coaching. Services are bilingual and bicultural.

## **Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon business assistance**

Request: \$51,300 CDBG

Presenter: No presentation

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 first-time homeownership, creating permanent affordability of the home. Includes down payment assistance and education for the purchaser.

## **Second Step Housing market rate unit acquisition**

Request: \$250,000 HOME

Presenter: Tim Foley

Acquisition of not-yet built units for housing people escaping homelessness to encourage stability. Will apply for Low-income Housing Tax Credits and acquire private mortgage to complete the funding package. Constructed property to include 23 mixed income units at 9913 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## **Tenant-based rental assistance**

### **CDBG Request**

### **HOME Request**

**Janus Youth**, The Nest

\$30,000

\$150,000

**Lifeline Connections**, Recovery

\$20,000

\$100,000

**Share**, ASPIRE

\$50,000

\$200,000

## **IV. Other**

- Public Comment: none
- Applications scores due March 6. Scoring is done in Neighborly. Contact Emily with questions.
- Next meeting, March 13, 9:30am, hybrid.

Meeting adjourned.