

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 2, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING – THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Application began at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room. President Moran turned the meeting over to Mayor Bobst. The Mayor began by stating that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a Federal Program. For the City of Rocky River, it is a competitive grant through the county. Communities like Lakewood and Parma are large enough to receive a direct distribution through the Federal Government. The maximum grant award is \$150,000. The Public Hearings are held to understand if there are any projects that residents are interested in having the city look at. There is significant criteria to adhere to; specifically the project has to be in an ITA, which stands for Investment Target Area or a LMI, which stands for Low to Moderate Income. The County has identified one of Rocky River's neighborhoods as an ITA in Ward 3. There are other identified ITA's but those are primarily along Center Ridge Road in business areas and on Hilliard Blvd. to the east. On two occasions, the Wooster/Shoreland Park Project area was submitted which has historical significance, great connectors with the Middle School, the library and commercial districts. Now that the pedestrian safety project is completed along with the Wooster repaving, this is the perfect time to submit this application. This application has information about the Master Plan and the Confluence Grant that Mr. Snyder is working on along with connections to the State and National Bike Route. A second Public Hearing will be held next Monday in the event that residents have thoughts regarding this project that is being proposed or any other project. It is the administration's intent to present to Council next week the application paperwork and the resolution for the Wooster/Shoreland Neighborhood Park. Councilman O'Donnell has met with the Mayor and residents hoping that this project moves forward. Residents and other stakeholders have been engaged in developing this project and it meets the ITA criteria. The draft or elements of the project can be modified if feedback is received from the community at next week's Public Hearing.

The City has been fortunate in receiving grants most notably when the city received \$350,000 for the Old Detroit Road area that translated into a large amount of investment from property and business owners in that small historic area. These grants are meaningful and encompass many partners including conversations with the Green Team, the Historical Society, the RRPL and other stakeholders.

- Alex Kamczyc, a WestLife reporter, has questions and will meet later with the Mayor and Director Snyder.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

As there was no further comment, President Moran moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
	6 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Pamela E. Bobst
Mayor

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council