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MEMBERS PRESENT:  Mary Katherine Papen  
Samantha Teresa Fields  
Joe Castillo  

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Marnie Nixon  
Miriam Chaiken  

STAFF PRESENT:  Catrina Godinez, CLC  
Becky Baum, RC Creations, LLC, Recording Secretary  

OTHERS PRESENT:  Brandie White, Mesilla Valley CASA  
Nichole Martinez, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope  

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:02):  

Godinez:  This is going to be the first meeting that I lead.  First thing we're going to do is call to order, call the meeting to order.  

II. ROLL CALL:  

Godinez:  and then roll call.  

Baum:  Which would be Marnie Nixon is absent.  Joe Castillo.  

Castillo:  Present.  

Baum:  Miriam Chaiken.  

Godinez:  Absent.  

Baum:  Absent.  Mary K. Papen.  

Papen:  Present.  

Baum:  Samantha Fields.  

Fields:  Present.  

Baum:  We do have a quorum.
III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST INQUIRY:

Baum: Then we ask, does anybody have a conflict of interest with anything on the agenda tonight?

Castillo: No.

Fields: No.

Baum: Ms. Papen, do you have any conflicts of interest tonight?

Papen: No, I do not.

Baum: Thank you.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. March 1, 2022
B. March 2, 2022
C. March 8, 2022
D. November 10, 2022 - No quorum, meeting cancelled on-site
E. January 9, 2023 - No quorum, meeting cancelled on-site

Baum: I'll just keep going. Next, we have approval of a variety of minutes from 2022, two of them are no quorum minutes. But March 1st, March 2nd, and March 8th, we can do them all together if the Board would like, but I will need a motion and a second or any changes or corrections.

Papen: I so move that we accept that as a group, all of the minutes.

Baum: Okay. Thank you.

Fields: Second.

Baum: Fields, second. All those in favor?

MOTION Passes UNANIMOUSLY.

Baum: Thank you. Any opposed? None opposed. Okay, minutes are all approved.

V. FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR CDBG APPLICATIONS:

Baum: Next, we move on to important dates for the 2020 to 2023 HRPS and CDBG public service application. And I guess that's goes to Catrina.
Godinez: Yes. Okay, so I went ahead and did all the scoring. And the everybody was pretty much scored to fund; the lowest points were for Catholic Charities. So everybody else pretty much got almost a hundred. And so that was the only, the sixth one that was the lowest scoring nonprofit. So the anticipated, it's going to be $155,000. And so you all can vote to see how much of that amount do you want to give, like we did before. So if we fund everyone evenly, it will be a little bit more than $26,000, or you can adjust.

And I bought all of our scores. Like I said, it wasn't much to do, there wasn't much to do a spreadsheet up, because everybody was scored pretty much 100%. Just the last one was not; it was scored slightly less.

Martinez: Was there just like a difference amount of money that came in?

Godinez: Last year's budget we had $160,000.

Martinez: Okay.

Godinez: And then so I don't know if you remember that when HUD was doing the cuts, that they had said that we would take like 5% or something. So we lowered it to $155,000. Because if basically we were going to have to do some more cuts, we weren't too sure where so we just gave it, you know took $5,000 off. So it brought it down to $155,000 to fund the six nonprofits.

Papen: And so that'll be split evenly, right.

Godinez: So we can just evenly but between the three of you, you can talk about how you want to fund each one. So the five regular ones we've been funding every year evenly, but now we have the six one. So that's where you would say how you want to fund them. Or like I said it could be even, that's your decision. So you can say just fund them all evenly. It's going to be over $26,000, or give one a certain amount and then give everybody divided amongst everyone else with the rest. Normally we do like a spreadsheet, we show and we give like the highs and the lows, and like all that good stuff. But with six.

Castillo: Correct, makes it a little easier to see.

Godinez: Right.

Castillo: What's going on.

Godinez: But with six it's just you know, and like I said like last year all we did was had a discussion, and then we voted to find everybody evenly with the
five. We only have five though. So this is a little bit. And that's when you all had …

Papen: So let me ask you a question. So if we have six, what is that coming out to per agency.

Godinez: It's like 26,000.

Papen: And last year it was between $160,000, but there was only five?

Godinez: Correct. So this time it will be $25,833.

Papen: Well, my question is, I think some of the agencies service a higher percentage of people and the monies that they need to provide those services are probably greater. I don't know how everybody else feels. But I'm a little distressed that the amount of money that they're going to get is going down. Not that I don't want another agency to come in. I don't mean that. But I am concerned about particularly in these days and times and the great needs that we have out there. I'm concerned about them not getting the same amount of money that they were getting in the past, though I don't want to count out the Catholic Charities. Is there any way we can get more money out of the City?

Godinez: Well, the funding is from HUD, and it's 15% of what we normally get. And so that's all that we can give for Community Development Block Grants for public services. That's the limit is 15% of the total amount we get from HUD. So it was coming out to $160,000. And now like last year they lowered it.

Castillo: So even though there's kind of less, there's only six people, this is where a spreadsheet would be helpful in that where we could see who's been funded in the past, how they've been funded in the past, who's new to the group that is seeking new funding.

Godinez: Okay, I did create a spreadsheet. But then when I was doing it, I was like okay. Like you know it was difficult because it was not like we have so many nonprofits where you know you can see the scores. And like we did before with the House Related Public Service there was 20 applicants and how we didn't give everyone the same amount. We've kind of like spread it out. And this is because it's six. But in the last five years, I can tell you that the five entities have been funded and it has been divided evenly. So it's been Casa de Peregrinos, it's been Jardin, it's been Mesilla Valley CASA, it's been Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, and La Casa. Those five have been receiving the CDBGs funding for the past at least five years. And it's been evenly split.
Castillo: And so Catholic Charities is the new.

Godinez: Catholic Charities is a new applicant. And also the fact that the funding went down, so that plays a little bit into it.

Papen: Well, so next year if we have another group apply then we get down to where we have seven or eight or whatever it is, and so the money that we have going to these entities keeps going down because as we have other agencies applying. Is that …

Godinez: That's correct. That's correct.

Papen: Yes. So I don't know it gives me heartburn to reduce their money and it gives me heartburn to not help the Catholic Charities with the work that they're doing. I don't know. So does the City provide money. How much money? I know they used to provide money to La Casa because I was on that board for eight years.

Godinez: Yes, ma'am. We do also give Health Related Public Service grants. And they are currently $32,000. And all the entities, all the nonprofits that have applied, the six have all received Health Related Public Service grants as well.

Papen: Okay, so what about Catholic Charities? Do they get the Public Service grant as well?

Godinez: Yes, ma'am. All six. All six get Public Service Grants, health related ones.

Papen: Okay. What is that amount?

Godinez: $32,000 each.

Papen: $32,000 each. Okay. I'm just concerned because the need is so great. And really even with the money that the City gives these entities and with this money, it's still a drop in the bucket for the great needs that we have in our community for all of these agencies. But I don't know where we get more money.

Godinez: Some are also asking for junior funding from the legislature. But this is the two grants is what the city gives, the CDBG Public Service grant and the Health Related Public Service grant. Those are the two that we do get.

Papen: And so you mean there at, because I used to give money, but the way that the money comes from the legislature from the money that they get, there
are only certain things that they can do, because some of it is anti-donation.

Godinez: Correct.

Papen: You have to be very careful about anti-donation. So you know again that is something that I know all of the agencies are just desperate for money. Anyway, I'll just let somebody else talk.

Godinez: Are you on your telephone Ms. Papen?

Papen: Am I on my telephone? No I'm on my iPad.

Godinez: Okay.

Papen: Because I'm on Zoom. So I don't know, does anybody else have any suggestions? Am I the only one talking or can I not hear anybody else?

Godinez: Yes, ma'am you're only talking. Everybody else is …

Castillo: We're working on math.

Godinez: They're working out their figures.

Castillo: Working on math.

Godinez: And I'm going to share my screen with you just to show you.

Papen: No that's okay. That's all right. I just thought, well am I the only one talking. I hate to be the only one talking.

Godinez: It's okay. So I'm sharing my screen with you on the spreadsheet of the percentages of what everyone scored. Can you see it?

Papen: Yes.

Godinez: Okay.

Papen: Yes. Yes, I can. Yes.

Godinez: So that's what they're looking at right now. They're looking, at they're doing some math probably.

Papen: Yes. Okay. Well, I mean everybody seems to have, you know, I mean I just think that all of these agencies are valuable agencies to our community and I think they all are desperate for money.
Godinez: Yes, that's for sure.

Fields: Okay, out of all of the applicants that we have, all of them are getting Health and Human Services funding correct.

Godinez: Correct.

Fields: Okay.

Papen: Yes.

Fields: And then with the legislative aid all of them are also receiving money from that or (inaudible) are.

Godinez: No. No, no, no.

Fields: Okay, which ones are?

Godinez: Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

Martinez: But that's not. That's a different program.

Godinez: Yes it's different money.

Martinez: We already spend that money. It's gone.

Godinez: And that's not coming from the City that's coming from …

Papen: Yes.

Castillo: We have $160,000 total.

Godinez: $155.00.

Castillo: $155,000.

Godinez: Sorry, I didn't realize I had $160,000 over here. I looked at it right now. That's what I'm changing. Because that's what it was. And to be honest with you, we don't know exactly how much money because we haven't received none of it yet. So we haven't got you know, so that's what we're saying we're anticipating that we're going to get $155,000. So it could be $160,000. It could be $155,000. Because when they said they were going to lower us for like, 5%, I'm not too sure that that totally happened. But we don't know exactly how much, but we're anticipating that amount because that's 15% of what we receive.
Papen: Yes.

Fields: Do we know when that will be finalized, or is it just kind of?

Godinez: We're working on our action plan right now.

Fields: Okay.

Papen: The other thing I want to ask you is putting an additional entity in there the money that these other entities, the other five entities have been counting on, then they're going to get a reduced amount over what they're hoping to get. Right?

Godinez: Correct.

Castillo: In the past, they've gotten $32,000.

Godinez: It's been $32,000 $31,000, it's been $30,000. It was less than that probably a few years ago, maybe.

Martinez:: $27,000.

Godinez: $27,000. So it kind of went up in the last few years. But then now with the sixth nonprofit, it's bringing it back down.

Castillo: And scoring-wise Catholic Charities was the lowest score.

Godinez: Correct.

Castillo: Okay. I've got numbers. Anybody ready for numbers?

Godinez: I apologize for this. Natalie was supposed to be here, but she, I text her for the password, and she's like, I forgot about that. I was like it's okay, don't worry about it. Because she was doing budget Retreat at the convention center. So she wasn't in the office today. So she normally will come.

Papen: Well, I just worry about you know I think if we keep adding agencies in there pretty soon there's not going to be an awful lot of money that's going to go and I don't know how we limit the agencies so that people really get a good chunk of change to put into their programs. You know, I'm just concerned about that. I'm not concerned about the entities because I think they're all valuable entities. I'm just concerned about our diluting the amount of money that they get that they are counting on getting. And say
next year if we have six or seven people that want to be into this, we're
diluting the money even further than that.

Castillo: I think in aspects of that though...

Papen: But they're all good entities and valuable entities.

Castillo: That's when it comes into kind of working as a Board, showing up to
presentations, seeing what entities are really involved, looking at the
research that the entities are providing. Ten entities can apply. I'd still be
happy giving five entities, depending on participation, research, and what
they're, how they're funding. Right. I mean that's the whole idea of
creating this board.

Papen: Yes. Yes. All right.

Castillo: I do believe that the five that are represented, the six that are represented
are very, very important. You know social worker in the community tied to
a lot of these places, I'm trying to figure out numbers. I'm trying not to
hear that the lowest we got it was $27,000 because that kind of works. I'm
looking at $28,000 five ways and $15,000 for one.

Fields: That's what my math kind of came up with too.

Castillo: I was thinking $28,000 was low and then they got $27,000 onetime, and I
was like I don't want hear that.

Fields: It's actually doable, but also it's not.

Castillo: And I think what we have to look here is that everything is getting more
competitive, everything is getting more, we're going to have to figure out
how to work with what we have until we can get more. And you know
unfortunately, I think part of our jobs is breaking hearts and saying, how
can we make things work when we really can't? It reminds me of working
with families, being in my family in particular, right. It's like when times are
hard we you know skip on those luxuries that we really like. And we have
to get down to the bare bones. And I think this is kind of the beginning of
hopefully, the last time we get down to the bare bones. But I think today
that's kind of where I'm at is, I'd rather give something than nothing. I
think more so to the five agencies that were you know met the criteria, met
the high score, and then we you know trying to fund everybody gives
something to the one agency that didn't meet the high score, but I have a
feeling they were just right under.

Fields: Yes, looking at the scores that's exactly what happened.
Castillo: Yes.

Godinez: They were.

Castillo: And so it’s, it’s, I hear you. It’s one of those things that I think that’s why they brought us here, right, was to make these hard decisions.

Papen: Well, can we give a certain amount of money to the, I mean let’s go proportionately by the way that the scores came out. Can we apportion the money, not necessarily evenly through everybody, but can we apportion it according to scoring?

Godinez: Ms. Papen. I don’t know if you heard that Mr. Castillo had said that if we can fund the five at, $28,000, and then Catholic Charities at $15,000.

Papen: Well, I could go along with that. I could go along with that.

Godinez: That would be up to the three of you to decide if you want to do it like that, or if you want to adjust that. But you can vote on that.

Castillo: Does it need to be brought up as a …

Fields: As a vote.

Godinez: A motion.

Castillo: I’ll make the motion that we fund a coordinately to the five high scoring agencies at $28,000, and the lowest scoring agency at $15,000.

Fields: Second.

Baum: All those in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Baum: Okay, motion passes unanimously. That would be your final recommendation.

VI. IMPORTANT DUE DATES FOR THE 2022-2023 HRPS AND CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION:

Baum: I’m going to back up a little bit, important due dates for HRPS.

Godinez: The next meeting that I would like to you to put on your calendar is of March 8th. And then this meeting will vote to fund the Health Related Public Service year two. And then we’ll have that in Council. And there
won't be no presentations. It will just be same thing, but I'll have a spreadsheet because it's going to be, there's 19.

Castillo: Okay.

Papen: So the next meeting will be March 8th.

Godinez: Yes, ma'am.

Papen: Okay, you need to know I'll be on Zoom because I'm up here until the session is over, which is I think the 18th of March.

Godinez: Okay, that'll be fine. Then we're going to have it in Council because I think we'll have more in attendance.

Baum: She'll be able to call in.

Godinez: And then you'll be able to call in and that should be easier.

Papen: Yes. Okay. So you all will send me all the information.

Godinez: Yes, ma'am. And that's going to be in the next couple of...

Papen: Get back on sort of, yes.

Godinez: Yes, that'll be in the next couple of weeks, so March 8th.

Papen: Okay. I have it written down.

Godinez: March 8th is a Wednesday and it'll be at 5:30. Well, you'll will receive the agenda and you'll receive the phone number that you call into.

Papen: Okay, thank you so much.

Godinez: And then there's one more thing I want to talk about.

Baum: And at 5:30, just as a reminder, March 8th at 530 is what we've got.

Godinez: March 8th, 5:30 in council chambers.

Martinez: What meeting is that?

Godinez: This is going to be for the Health Related Public Service year two. You turned in the application really early. And same thing that we're doing here. Now with that we have $600,000, so it should be the same amount.
White: Historically, your two has been funded the same as year one.

Godinez: Yes. Correct. So it should be, it's $32,000. We should have that; I mean granted the committee votes to fund everybody evenly like we have or in the same manner that we did before. Because it wasn't even. There was a couple that we funded for less.

Castillo: Yes.

VII. DISCUSSION OF CDBG-PS APPLICATION AND GUIDE:

Godinez: And then the other thing, next thing I had the discussion of the application and the guide. I wanted to see if we can make some time to set some meetings to go over the application. And I think it's in your binder as well. And I don't know what days are good for you all. And possibly when Ms. Pippin comes back after March, like after March 18th.

Castillo: After March would be great.

Godinez: Yes after March.

Fields: Yes.

Godinez: Okay. But Wednesdays or Thursdays or like we can meet once a month. We can meet every other week. I mean I don't think it'll take that long. But we can meet.

Castillo: I'm going to start with after March.

Godinez: Okay.

Castillo: Kids on baseball teams.

Godinez: After March. And then is there a certain day that's good for you all?

Castillo: You know I'll make time.

Godinez: Okay.

Fields: Thursdays are pretty good.

Godinez: Thursdays.

Fields: Yes.
Godinez: Ms. Papen, when you come back, do you have a date preference for the meeting? We want to have a meeting to go over the application for the Community Development Block Grant public service application.

Papen: You know I don't. I'll be home and I don't have anything at the present time. But in May I'm going to be going to California to hear a concert at the one in Las Angeles. So I'll be out of town for a week.

Godinez: We'll shoot for one meeting starting in April, and then we'll go from there.

Papen: Okay, that sounds good.

Godinez: We'll start with one in April on a Thursday possibly, and then we'll set that one and then at that meeting, we'll set another one that works with everybody's schedule.

Papen: Okay. That works for me.

Baum: Unless there's anything else?

VIII. OTHER DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT (6:00)

Baum: I guess since we don't have a true chairperson, I will take a motion in a second to adjourn.

Fields: Make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Castillo: Second.

Baum: Okay, all those in favor.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Baum: We are adjourned at 5:58.

Chairperson