



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Gallagher and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Jones and Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Sweeney were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 29, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0169: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Gathering Place for the purchase of a vehicle to provide services to residents of the City of Cleveland from the District 1 and 2 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Michele Seyranian, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Adam Ross, Chief Development Officer and Ms. Sydney Beeman, Community Program Manager for the Gathering Place, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0169. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Seyranian, Mr. Ross and Ms. Beeman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Jones requested to add funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; Ms. Stephens requested to add \$20,000.00 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and Ms. Simon requested to add \$10,000.00 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund, which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0169 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Simon, Mr. Jones and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2024-0170: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Near West Theatre, Inc. for safety and security planning from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Mike Obertacz, Executive Director of the Near West Theatre, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0170. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Obertacz pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Stephens requested to add funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; Mr. Kelly requested to add \$5,000.00 from the District 1 ARPA Community Grant Fund; Mr. Jones requested to add \$5,000.00 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and Ms. Simon requested to add \$5,000.00 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund, which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0170 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Stephens, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Jones, Ms. Simon, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0171: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$125,000, to the City Club of Cleveland for the renovation of office space from the District 3 and 10 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Dan Moulthrop, Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Kristen Baird Adams, President of the Board of Directors; and Ms. Noelle Celeste, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Advancement for the City Club of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0171. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Moulthrop, Ms. Baird Adams and Ms. Celeste pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Jones requested to add \$10,000.00 from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and Ms. Simon requested to add \$10,000.00 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund, which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0171 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Stephens, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Jones, Ms. Simon, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2024-0175: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$500,000 to the University Hospitals of Cleveland, Department of Ophthalmology Eye Institute for the purpose of enhancing their services and diagnostic capabilities project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Laura Wash, Lead Certified Ophthalmic Technician and Dr. Shree Kurup, Vice Chair of Clinical Operations and Practices, Ophthalmology for University Hospitals of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0175. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Wash and Dr. Kurup pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0175 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- e) R2024-0176: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$250,000, to the Cleveland Metroparks for the Cleveland Community Sailing Center project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Kristen Trolio, Director of Grants and Mr. Ryan Denker, Architect for the Cleveland Metroparks, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0176. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Trolio and Mr. Denker pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0176 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2024-0177: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$100,000, to FutureHeights Inc. for general operating costs from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Robert Brown, Interim Executive Director and Mr. Sarah Wolf, Community-Building Programs Manager for FutureHeights Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0177. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Brown and Ms. Wolf pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0177 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m., without objection.