



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 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 10:13 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Gallagher and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was absent. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the committee members regarding housing affordability in Cuyahoga County.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0246: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$6,000, to the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland for the Afro PACT Summit from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Cecil Lipscomb, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Kwame Botchway and Ms. Crystal Bryant-Agyemang, Co-Founders of Afro PACT, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0246. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Botchway and Ms. Bryant-Agyemang pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0246 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0250: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Western Reserve Historical Society for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Bob Render and Ms. Vicki Dansby, Project Managers for the Carl B. Stokes History & Legacy Project, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0250. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0250 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0251: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$200,000, to Karamu House for the Karamu's Next Generation Capital Improvements Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Tony Sias, President and Chief Executive Officer of Karamu House, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0251. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0251 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2024-0252: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$295,000, to the Home Repair Resource Center for the Challenge Fund Loan Program from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Keesha Allen, Executive Director of the Home Repair Resource Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0252. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Allen pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0252 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 10:57 a.m., without objection.