

SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, Monday, May 19, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Rondo Community Library

I. Call to Order at 5:08 pm by Chair Dees Erickson

Roll Call

- a. Members in attendance: Makayla Cox, Lauren Dees Erickson
- b. Members Excused: Carl Johnson, Demetrius Shaw, Tim Marino, Pang Yang
- c. Members Absent: Nardos Ashenafi, Darren Tobolt, Brian Jackson, Pat McQuillan April Eh, Raymond Hess, Liam O' Brien, Jes Braun
- d. City Staff and Community Members in Attendance: Bryan George, Shannon Forney - Office of Financial Services; Anne Weber- Dept of Public Works; Alice Messer- Parks and Rec; Jessica Deegan – Planning and Economic Development; Jane McClure – The Village Voice; Jason Peterson – NeighborWorks; Trey Wodele- Hearts and Hammers; Maria Steffel- Neighborhood Development Alliance; Dr. Darling Yaj – Hmong 18 Council; Kat Fuentes – Upwards Care.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Dees-Erickson deferred vote due to lack of quorum.

III. Approval of April 14th Meeting Minutes: Dees-Erickson deferred vote due to lack of quorum.

IV. CDBG Project Presentations

5:15pm NeighborWorks - Saint Paul Home Repair Loan Fund presented by Jason Peterson Requested Amount \$1.2M for 2026 / 2027

Q: Do you serve 30 families or 80 annually? – I was confused by the application.

A: We serve 30 families with CDBG funds over a two year period.

5:25pm Hearts and Hammers – 10 Home Restorations presented by Jason Peterson Requested Amount \$20k for 2026 / 2027

Q: On the risk assessment, it indicated that the org had not spent down all past funds.

A: The table in the application mis-listed our remaining dollars. We have in fact expended all funds. (A revised funding table was later resubmitted to committee).

5:35pm Neighborhood Development Alliance – Accessibility and Safety Upgrades for NeDA Facilities presented by Maria Steffel Requested Amount \$1.5M for 2026 / 2027

Q: How does your funding request compare to your overall organizational budget.

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A: Our annual organizational budget is \$1.3M and we are requesting \$750k each year of CDBG funds.

5:45pm Hmong 18 Council – Hmong Community Center presented by Dr. Darling Yaj Requested Amount \$175k for 2026 / 2027

Q: How has most of the project been funded to date.

A: We have already secured bonding for most of the project.

6:00pm Upwards Care – Boost presented by Kat Fuentes Requested Amount \$800k for 2026 / 2027

Q: I see there is a score that indicates a moderate risk for the project, can you speak to that?

A: We are a first-time applicant to Saint Paul, but we have successfully run this exact program with CDBG funds in other communities including Palo Alto -California, Clearwater- Florida, Bellevue – Washington, and many others. We are well respected, and our programs are well established with partners in these communities. We have a proven track records of offering this program with CDBG funds.

V. Department 5 Year Plans and Other Funding Sources

- a. Public Works -Anne Weber completed this presentation from the 5.12 meeting
- b. Parks - Alice Messer completed this presentation from the 5.12 meeting

VI. CDBG Tentative Funding Recommendation Discussion - Chair Dees-Erickson opted to defer the discussion until more members would be present to discuss tentative CDBG funding recommendations. She reminded the committee that scores were due May 23.

VII. Capital Improvement Plan Project Ranking Discussion - Chair Dees-Erickson opted to defer the discussion until more members would be present to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan Project Ranking.

VIII. Announcements

a. Upcoming Meetings at Rondo Community Library

- i. June 9: Public Hearing
- ii. June 16: Additional Process Meeting
- iii. June 23: Tentative Additional Process Meeting
- iv. July 14: Regular CIB Meeting

IX. Adjourned at 6:53pm