CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS
EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014
AT 6:00 P.M.

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES
1917 N WISCONSIN AVE.
PEORIA, IL 61603

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2013, MINUTES

I. NEW BUSINESS
   A. WISCONSIN AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PLANNING

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ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON TECHIE AT 494-8649 OR STECHIE@peoriagov.org.
City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, October 1, 2013, an East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Glen Oak Community Learning Center, 2100 N. Wisconsin Avenue, with Chairperson Richard Mitchell presiding. The meeting was opened by Chairman Mitchell at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Committee Members present: Richard Mitchell (Council District 3 Rep), Michael McKenzie (School District 150), Michael Sims (City of Peoria), Steve Katlack (Council District 3 Rep), Susan Wozniak (OSF), and Jessie McGown (Council District 3 Rep). Absent: Shannon Techie (Planning and Growth Management), Tracey Orsini (OSF) – 8; Rev. Andrew Jowers (Council District 1 Rep), & Robert Wilton (Council District 2 Rep) - 3

**STAFF & OTHERS**

Councilman Tim Riggenbach, Lisa Mathers, Mary Heathcoat, Mark Rothert, Chris Reynolds, Kent Reynolds, Pastor Martin Johnson, & Kristina Gamez (EBNHS)

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2013 MINUTES**

Mr. Katlack asked that the minutes show when meetings begin. Mr. Katlack moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting, seconded by Ms. Wozniak. Approved Unanimously.

I. **Old Business**

   a. **Update on the status of LISC Initiatives by Brandon Holmes**

   Brandon Holmes, Executive Director of LISC mentioned LISC has not received a contract for the Attorney General grant. LISC may receive a contract toward the end of the year. Contracts will be awarded soon for technical assistance for these grants. When asked about the geographic boundaries of the grant, Mr. Holmes stated they cover the EVGC boundaries. The funds will involve 20 dilapidated properties, development of 30 new homes, and 13 to 14 acquisition and renovation projects. This grant is intended to be just the start for the area. Rental units will be provided to low income, specialized with disabilities. The property manager for sites will be decided by IFF.

   Mr. Holmes discussed option for jump starting the EVGC program. He mentioned TIF funds are not usually used as grant. They are typically used for large scale developments. The following options were presented:

   - The EVGC program could be initially capitalized by a bank with future proceeds from the TIF used as a guarantee. The TIF currently has very little increment. TIF funds can typically be used for affordable housing, infrastructure, façade improvements, support of businesses, etc.
   - It was mentioned that the EVGC area does not have a master plan or vision. Tri County Regional Planning Commission has a Hurricane Ike grant that may be available for planning.
• The City/County could be asked to capitalize the EVGC. It was mentioned that it could be 5 to 7 years before TIF funds are available. Councilman The City is unlikely to put dollars into this approach.
• Bond for funding with the hope for increment.
• Wait for the increment to occur and then use it.

NSP funds were discussed. There were three rounds of funding. The City of Peoria applied for round one funds but the application was not funded. Most of the funds went to the Chicago area.

It was mentioned that the City has a RFP for the Wisconsin, McClure to Nebraska, area.

b. EBNHS loan effect on the Housing Program

Mr. Sims reported that Ross Black stated that an EBNHS outstanding loan will not prohibit future financing as it relates to the EVGC housing program.

II. New Business
   a. None

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Graffiti on buildings was brought up. To have it removed, call Peoria Cares. The City of Peoria has a graffiti removal machine that does a nice job.

It was mentioned that major grants can be from partners in the neighborhood. The Affordable Health Care Act program offers investment opportunities in the community.

There was a comment that Councilwoman Denise Moore is having an action meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 am or 11:00 am till 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McKenzie moved to adjourn the EVGC Advisory Committee meeting; seconded by Ms. Wozniak. Approved by viva voce vote.

The EVGC Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.