City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, May 11, 2016, an East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Easter Seals, 507 East Armstrong Avenue, with Chairperson Richard Mitchell presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Committee Members present: Richard Mitchell (Council District 3 Rep), Shannon Techie (City of Peoria), Eric Setter (City of Peoria), Steve Katlack (Council District 3 Rep), Jessie McGown (Council District 3 Rep), Ron Jost (OSF), Edward Peszeck (OSF), Marilyn Mosely (Council District 1 Rep), Lynn Scott Pearson (Peoria County Board) - 9; Absent: Robert Wilton (Council District 2 Rep), & Michael McKenzie (School District 150) - 2

STAFF & OTHERS

Lisa Fisher, Jane Genzel, and other East Bluff residents.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Katlack moved to approve the minutes; seconded, by Mr. Jost. Approved Unanimously.

I. New Business
   i. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign student presentations
      Students from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign presented their semester-long projects on the East Bluff, entitled Health and Place, and Safe Routes to Learn and Play.

   ii. EVGC Housing Program Application Update
      Terence Acquah provided an update regarding the EVGC Housing Program applications received thus far:
      ❖ As of Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 53 total applications have been received for the EVGC Housing program. (11 more applications since the last Committee meeting).
      ❖ Common projects for which funding is requested include:
        o Siding
        o Front porch work
        o Driveways and private walkways
        o Roofs
        o Gutters
      ❖ Of the first 17 applicants, one was not eligible and the remaining 16 were deemed eligible; 6 of the 16 were found to be CDBG eligible and were contacted by the Grants Department.
        o All 6 applicants were approved to receive CDBG funding but 1 applicant declined because the work she wanted was not CDBG eligible; the 5 CDBG will exhaust the available CDBG funds.
      ❖ The remaining 10 eligible applicants were sent an eligibility letter on March 4th, informing them they had until April 15th to secure 2 bids.
        o 8 bid packages were received (7 notice to proceed were issued).
        o 3 of the 10 eligible applicants have decided not to move forward with program. 2 of the applicants couldn’t secure the necessary funds to participate in the program. The other applicant wants to submit a revised application to address other parts of her house.
      ❖ Only 2 applicants have started work on their property as of 5/10/16
      ❖ Average bid is around 10K (with a range of $4,885 - $18,430).
      ❖ The second round of eligibility letters were distributed on May 2nd. 13 applicants were approved to obtain bids by June 15th.
      ❖ There are 23 applicants currently on the waiting list and new wait list letters were sent assigning the remaining applicants a new place in line.
11 applicants have unpaid city fines or fees (including garbage bill).

Next steps:
- Status pictures will be taken of the properties that have begun work on their property.
- Applicants who have received notice to proceeds letters, have 90 days to pay the selected contractor.

**Citizens’ Opportunity to Address the Committee**
Mr. McGown provided information on the End of the School Year bash, scheduled for June 4, 2016.

**AdJournment**
Mr. Katlack moved to adjourn the EVGC Advisory Committee meeting; seconded by Mr. Setter. Approved by viva voce vote.

The EVGC Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

*Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Easter Seals.*