



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

North Central Texas Regional Review Committee Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
1:00 pm, Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Mayor Michael Allen, City of Mineral Wells

1. Welcome and introduction of the North Central Texas Regional Review Committee (RRC) members and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) staff.

Mayor Michael Allen, Chair, and Samantha Lamanna, NCTCOG staff, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

2. Establishment of a quorum.

Mayor Allen established that 9 RRC members were present.

3. Mandatory training provided by TDA's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) staff.

Trent Engeldow, TDA staff, reviewed the role of the Regional Review Committee. It was noted that the RRC will need to edit their point total from 120 to 180 points, as TDA is now requiring all RRC's to have a point total of 180 points, while TDA will contribute 20 points.

4. Conduct Public Hearing on the TxCDBG Community Development (CD) Fund 2017/2018 factors relating to regional priorities and scoring procedures.

Take public comments on the TxCDBG CD Fund 2017/2018 factors relating to regional priorities and scoring procedures.

Mayor Allen opened the Public Comment Period at 1:15pm.

GrantWorks commented on the six month requirement for environmental clearance that is now affecting scoring of CDBG applications. It was noted that the committee could draft a letter to TDA to bring this issue to their attention.

Mayor Allen closed the Public Comment Period at 1:29pm.

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After the Public Comment Period was closed, Mayor Allen asked for a motion to draft a letter to TDA on behalf of the RRC expressing concern regarding the 6 month review period. Mayor David Dreiling moved to draft the letter, and Commissioner Rick Bailey seconded the motion. By vote of the Committee, the motion passed 8-1.

5. Discuss and adopt regional priorities, scoring factors, procedures, and other matters under the 2017/2018 TxCDBG CD Fund. Take necessary action. TDA staff will review decisions that need to be made by the RRC.

NCTCOG staff reviewed the previous Regional Review Committee Guidebook and noted that the RRC would need to update the point values to bring the total point value to 180.

A potential scoring change to take into account projects in violation with the TCEQ was brought to the group, but the members did not see the need to address TCEQ challenges in this program. Another comment was that the maximum funding amount may need to be raised, however, the RRC felt that the amount should stay as is due to the high competition in this region. The RRC felt that a lower maximum would allow for more projects to be awarded. Mayor Jakie Allen made a motion to keep the funding maximums at \$275,000 for single jurisdiction applications and at \$500,000 for multi-jurisdictional applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bailey, and passed 9-0.

Steven Reid made a motion to not establish a set-aside for housing and non-border colonia projects, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Dreiling. The motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Dreiling made a motion to accept the Guidebook as is with the point values being prorated to reach the 180 total point value. Mayor Joseph Helmberger seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

6. Authorize staff support to compile and distribute a guidebook concerning the 2017/2018 Regional Review Committee Role and Requirements—subject to TDA approval. The RRC will also designate staff support to review the applications and calculate scores.

Mayor Helmberger made a motion to authorize NCTCOG staff to compile and distribute the 2017-2018 RRC Guidebook. Steven Reid seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Mayor Helmberger made a motion to designate NCTCOG staff as support staff. Commissioner Kevin Burns seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

7. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or summary items, please contact Samantha Lamanna by phone at (817) 695-9215, or by email at slamanna@nctcog.org.

