

MEETING SUMMARY  
Neighborhood Task Force  
Thursday, March 13, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.  
East Central Community Center

ATTENDANCE: Arlene Patton – Chairperson, Gary Pollard – Chairperson (RNC), Dave Burnett(NIT), Jeanette Harris (Logan), Michael Cannon (CHHS Board), Barbara Morrissey(Peaceful Valley), Fran Papenleur (CHHS Board/NWNA/CA), Mary Ann Rapp (CHHS Board/Bemis/Hillyard), Colleen Gardner (CGP), Kelly Cruz (WC), Kathy Brooks (Comstock), Lisa Williams-Fuchs (EG), Don Sundahl (Hillyard), Bonnie McInnis (WC), Jo Ann Stewart (WC), and Deb Barnes (Manito Cannon Hill/S.Hill Coalition)

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Mallahan (ONS), George Dahl (CHHSD)

Gary Pollard opened the meeting with introductions and an invitation for all present to share needs/gaps within their neighborhood. Common themes/priorities shared during this discussion included: funding resources, sidewalks, vandalism/graffiti, communication, quality affordable housing, economic development/jobs, parks, public safety, cleanup, youth programs and a better understanding to what activities are eligible.

George Dahl presented the Proposed 2014 Action Plan-CDBG (pie Chart together with the Table 1 & 2 showing the neighborhood CDBG projects, Public Service (PS) & Capital, Housing & Economic Development (CHED), HOME & Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Those charts helped to identify how past funds have been allocated & projects funded.

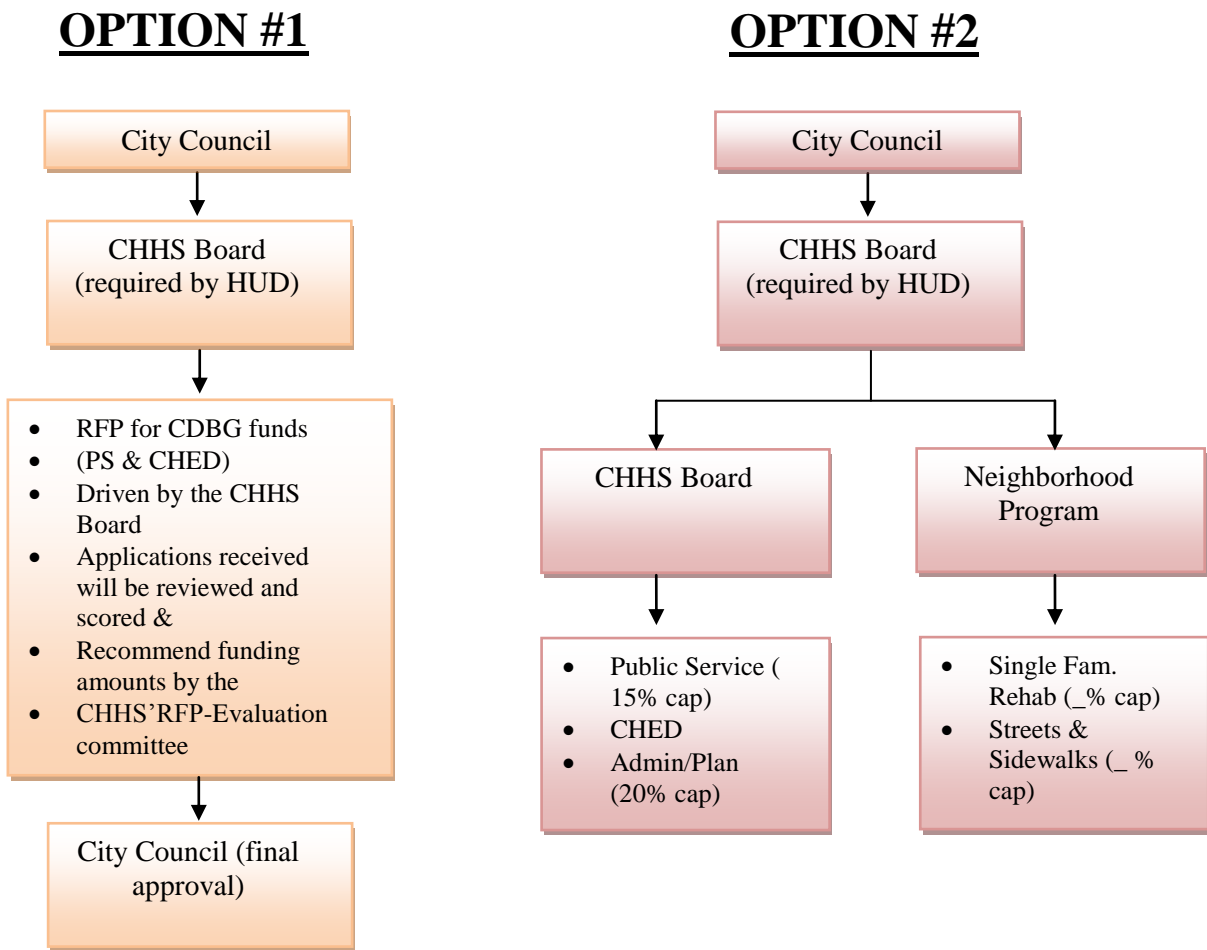
Neighborhood leaders were again assured that the CHHS Board is honoring the hard work done on the current 2014 neighborhood allocations & funding rounds. The CHHS Board has approved the 2014 Action Plan. The Action Plan was shared with the community at the March 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing and will be submitted to the City Council for approval before being sent to HUD.

Minute Summaries from the February 19, 2014 meeting was reviewed. Arlene restated the purpose of this special “Task Force on CDBG Neighborhood Strategies” and thanked everyone for getting involved. When the Census changed to annually gathering of household income, housing conditions & etc., assigning data gathering to the American Community Survey (ACS), Spokane can NO longer obtain the data necessary to support the old formula allocation to CD neighborhoods. ACS data could change annually, just from what is known to date; at least 16 of Spokane’s 27 neighborhoods have been identified with Block Groups populated by low-to-moderate income households. HUD insists that all low-to-moderate households be given the opportunity to benefit from programs funded with CDBG funds.

Neighborhood leaders were also reminded that approximately \$ 450 billion of federal funds rely on ACS data. Therefore, to continue to have accurate data neighborhoods leaders need to help stress to residents the importance of the ACS and completion of the annual survey, if received... ACS data will impact future allocations of CDBG, Food Stamp, Head Start and many other federally funded programs, targeted to benefit the low-to-moderate households living in Spokane.

Because low-to-moderate households reside throughout Spokane, programs must be available equitably to all. Each of the 27 Spokane neighborhoods has low-to-moderate households living within their neighborhoods. Therefore, the purpose of this special task force is to assist with the development of a citywide Neighborhood Program (27 neighborhoods), that will replace the old 13 CD neighborhood program. The plan is to be designed around current CDBG funding levels and consider all eligible activities. The draft plan needs to be completed before the end of May and will be presented to the Community, Housing & Human Service (CHHS) Board during their June 4 Board meeting. If adopted it will be submitted to HUD as part of the required proposed 2015 action plan.

Discussed moved forward with design and consideration to different options:



Next meeting, continue to discuss and outline the “Proposed Neighborhood CHED Program” Group was provided six (6) different proven neighborhood programs. Members were encouraged to review, discuss with other neighborhood leaders, and do further research. Come to the scheduled March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to further develop Spokane’s new CDBG Neighborhood Program”

**Next Meeting: March 27, 2014 (6:00-7:30pm) East Center Community Center**