The Community Development Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Terry Happer Scheier, Chair. The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Mr. Curt Skoog, Vice Chair; Mr. Terry Goodman; Mr. David White; Mr. Richard Collins; and Mr. John H. Thompson.

Also present were: Mr. Jim Kite, Councilmember; Mr. Jack Messer, Director of Planning and Development Services; Mr. Tony Cosby, Director of Recreation Services; Mr. Greg Ruether, Director of Parks Services; Mr. Steve Horner, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Adam Norris, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Dave Scott, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Sean Reilly, Communications Manager; Mr. Lloyd Nichols, Senior Help Desk Support Specialist; and Ms. Kathleen Behrens, Recording Secretary. There were two people in the audience.

Chair Terry Happer Scheier presented the June 5, 2013, Community Development Committee minutes for approval.

Vice Chair Curt Skoog moved to approve the June 5, 2013, Community Development Committee meeting minutes. Mr. David White seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS

Director of Planning and Development Services Jack Messer presented six of the eight 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program sub-recipient agreements for consideration. These agreements were approved as part of the CDBG Action Plan that was approved for funding by the Council last August. At that time, staff was estimating the grant amount to be $575,000, and it came in at slightly over $621,000 this year. Staff had pre-planned the allocations based on whether the grant amount would go up or down. The sub-recipient grants have been adjusted for the amounts shown in the staff report. The following agencies were approved for funding: Safehome, Inc.; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Inc., for emergency utility assistance; Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network; Johnson County Parks and Recreation; Head Start of Shawnee Mission, Inc.; and Salvation Army, for emergency services. There are a couple more agreements staff is in the process of negotiating. Staff recommended approval of the 2013 CDBG Program sub-recipient agreements as outlined in the report.

Vice Chair Skoog moved to recommend approval to the Council of the 2013 CDBG Program Sub-Recipient Agreements as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.
ACCEPTANCE OF MONET SCULPTURE DONATION FOR THE ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

Director of Parks Services Greg Ruether explained that staff was recently approached regarding donation of a sculpture piece to the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. The donor had an interest in a particular artist, which is Mr. Gary Lee Price. His art pieces have been seen around the country. Staff worked with the Arboretum and the Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park (ARFOP), and Friends of the Arts (FOA) in going through the Public Park Master Plan. The piece will be part of the Monet Garden. A picture of the art piece is included in the packet materials, which is Claude Monet, and the sculpture will be placed inside the Monet Garden. This is a piece that Gary Lee Price has done before, but the sculpture the Arboretum will receive will be customized and depict Claude Monet painting on an easel-mounted canvas in the Monet Garden. The donor is in place and the contribution has been made. If approved tonight, the hope is to get a cast done in the next eight to nine weeks. A ceremony will be held in the garden sometime later this year regarding the dedication. Staff recommended approval of the acceptance of the Monet sculpture donation for the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Chair Happer Scheier asked if the sculpture was life size. Mr. Ruether agreed, and noted that they were trying to position the sculpture so that people can sit on the bench next to it. The life-size, bronze sculpture will depict Claude Monet painting on an easel mounted canvas from a seated position on a bench.

Mr. Terry Goodman asked if the easel was anchored. Mr. Ruether stated it would be anchored, and all the final details are being worked out.

Mr. John H. Thompson asked if the artist had donated similar art pieces in other arboretums or areas. Mr. Ruether stated that the artist had several other art pieces around the country that are included in gardens and parks. Most of his art work has depicted children and activities, such as a child flying a kite and other activities.

Chair Happer Scheier asked where the art piece was being cast. Mr. Ruether stated that it will be based out of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Vice Chair Skoog moved to recommend approval to the Council of the acceptance of the Monet Sculpture donation for the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION OF OVERLAND PARK – For the Donation and Installation of Sculpture at the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Mr. Ruether presented the accompanying agreement with the Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park for the donation and installation of the Claude Monet sculpture at the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. He noted that this agreement lays out each party’s responsibilities for the donation, including shipping, funding for installation materials, and hosting a dedication ceremony after the piece has been installed.

Chair Happer Scheier asked if the insurance on the art piece would be handled in the same way they have done with other art pieces. Mr. Ruether agreed, stating the value
is about $48,000 to $50,000, which will be entirely covered under the City’s insurance. He also noted that ARFOP is responsible for paying for the insurance. Those funds have already been set aside and contributed. Staff will be involved in the installation of the art piece through providing labor and oversight and ongoing maintenance. Other than those costs, ARFOP bears all other costs associated with the art piece.

Mr. Skoog recommended approval to the Council of the agreement with the Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park for the donation and installation of the Claude Monet sculpture at the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Mr. White seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4019 – Consideration of implementing an Overland Park Teen Council Program.

Assistant City Manager Adam Norris presented Resolution No. 4019, which is to consider the implementation of an Overland Park Teen Council Program. As a follow-up to the May Community Development Committee discussion, staff developed a program outline to be considered. The annual associated program expenses will not exceed $5,000, which includes all supplies and materials for the meetings, year-end public service event, primary staff support, as well as all the typical associated expenses with the volunteer board process.

Mr. Norris referred to the program outline, stating the participation would include high school students in Overland Park and four to five private schools. Staff was able to talk with representatives of the Blue Valley School District, who are willing to participate. Staff has not been able to discuss this program with the Shawnee Mission School District yet, but expect to hear from them this week about their participation. He noted that there were a total of 15 schools that would be participating. Attendance of at least two City Council meetings will be required, once at the beginning when they are appointed to the Teen Council, and at the end when they make some final presentation to the Council. At the end of the school year, they would be able to attend any kind of board/committee meeting that they would be interested in. They would be responsible for organizing and planning a year-end community service event, which would likely take place in April, and work with their schools to gather students to help with that event. This would be a project focused on the City, as far as what they can do for the City. The meetings would be approximately two-hour meetings where they could discuss what they are learning at the committee and board meetings. There would also be five department forums where they would receive an overview of what the different departments do and how the City functions, which would include something from the Chamber of Commerce. He also noted that the required resources are listed in the packet materials, which equate to about $5,000. A schedule of activities is also included.

Chair Happer Scheier asked when the program would be starting. Mr. Norris stated that the high school students would not likely get appointed until October and will run through May. Chair Happer Scheier asked if one student would represent each school that would participate. Ms. Norris agreed and felt it was important to keep the group small.

Vice Chair Skoog asked about the size of the schools participating in which the representatives would be chosen from, such as Overland Park Christian High School.
Mr. Norris was not aware of the enrollment at some of the schools. He noted that they have not reached out to all the private schools yet to see if they are interested. Vice Chair Skoog felt it was important to be aware of the size of the schools participating, because some may have very low numbers. If a larger school only gets one participant, there may be a question of fairness involved. He felt some proportion to the size of the school should be considered. He felt they would learn a lot of information through this program and that a lot of flexibility should be used in working with the different schools.

Mr. Goodman noted that the City’s Rotary Club has a very successful program, which is strictly a summer program. He felt that program was similar to the proposed teen program in that they reach out to the high schools to recruit more members. He noted that sometimes recruiting can be problematic, and he was concerned about how the proposed program would continue to happen on an annual basis. He questioned whether it would be a decision by the City to reach out to the schools or rely on the schools to respond to information about the program. Mr. Norris felt it would be up to City staff to reach out to the schools on an annual basis to make the program successful.

Mr. Thompson understood every high school has a U.S. Government class, which he felt would be associated with the goal of the teen program. He questioned if they would be able to target those students for the program, and that possibly some of the teachers of the government classes might become involved in this program. He did not see recruiting as much of a problem as being able to make it a fruitful program for the participants. He hoped that the community projects would be focused on things that will be beneficial to the City and likewise perceived that way to the residents as well.

Mr. Richard Collins referred to the schools involved in the program and felt it was important to note that part of Overland Park is located in the Olathe School District. He also noted the same situation also occurred further south with the Spring Hill School District.

Vice Chair Skoog moved to recommend approval to the Council of Resolution No. 4019, consideration of the implementation of an Overland Park Teen Council Program as presented by staff. Mr. White seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Goodman seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6 to 0. Minutes transcribed by Kathleen Behrens.

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Terry Happer Scheier, Chair