



Item: SET CDBG/HOME Community Needs Public Hearing
From: Community Development Department
Initiated By: Chris Imhoff, CDBG/HOME Administrator
Presented By: Chris Imhoff, CDBG/HOME Administrator
Action Requested: Set Public Hearing for December 16th, 2008

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission set the public hearing for December 16, 2008, to obtain comments on the community development needs of the City of Great Falls”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Commission set December 16, 2008, as the public hearing date for citizen comments regarding needs of the community that may be addressed with Community Development Block Grant and HOME grant funds.

Background:

Significant Impacts

Not applicable

Citizen Participation

The Citizen Participation Plan, which is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, dictates that the City hold a public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the issues and needs of the community.

Workload Impacts

Not applicable

Purpose

Public input helps identify federal grant funding opportunities in the community.

Project Work Scope

Not applicable

Evaluation and Selection Process

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires public input, especially input from lower income citizens and agencies representing them, as to the issues and needs of the community. The Commission will be asked to give consideration to citizen comments received during this public hearing when determining funding priorities for the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Grant Program.

Conclusion

The public hearing provides citizens an important opportunity to identify before the City Commission, community development needs particularly those impacting low to moderate income households in Great Falls.

Concurrences: Not applicable

Fiscal Impact: Conducting the public hearing is a pre-condition for the city receiving its annual allocation of HUD CDBG and HOME grant funds.

Alternatives: The hearing is a required for the city to be awarded 2009-2010 CDBG and HOME funding.

Attachments/Exhibits: Not applicable