



City of Algoma

Community Development Committee and
CDC Citizen Participation Committee Meeting Minutes
Joint Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 12, 2015

The Community Development Committee and CDC Citizen Participation Committee for the City of Algoma were jointly called to order in City Hall at 5:00 PM by Chairman Bruce Charles.

Present at roll call: Bruce Charles (chairman), Bob Davis, Mike Glime, Mitch Groessl, Harold Nell, Shawn Olsen, John Pabich, Russ Ritchie, Dave Robertson, Ron Welch, and Jacque Wiese. Absence excused at roll call: Jodi Zimmerman. Also in attendance was City Administrator Jeff Wiswell, and Gary Becker with Vierbicher Associates.

Members of the public in attendance included:

Jan Dart, 1903 Mueller St, Algoma
Mike Decur, 174 W Greenfield Ave, Algoma
John Kiedrowski, 507 Navarino, Algoma
Joy Krieger, 1226 Lake St, Algoma
Bob Kuhn, 310 Lakeview Dr, Algoma
Jane Kuhn, 310 Lakeview Dr, Algoma
Kimberly Lyon, N6618 Hillside Rd, Casco
Karen Newquist, 628 Fremont St, Algoma
Cathy Pabich, 305 Fremont St, Algoma

Wayne R. Schmidt, 805 Alpine Rd, Algoma
Brad Schmiling, 519 3rd St, Algoma
Diane Vlies, 517 N Park, Algoma
John Vlies, 517 N Park, Algoma
Pat Whitford, 287 Haney Ave, Algoma
Roger Whitford, 287 Haney Ave, Algoma
Joann Wiesner, 2024 Lake St, Algoma
Matt Wonsowicz, 295 Haney Ave, Algoma
Vicky Wonsowicz, 295 Haney Ave, Algoma

It was noted that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law.

Moved by Glime, second by Welch, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Chairman Charles explained to those in attendance that the purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview of the CDBG Program and to conduct a public hearing on the proposed CDBG Planning Grant application by the City of Algoma. This will be the first of three public hearings, if the City of Algoma is awarded a CDBG planning grant by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Gary Becker, with Vierbicher Associates team of professional engineers, planners, and community development specialists covered several areas relating to the CDBG Program including funding levels by program and eligible activities.

Mr. Becker discussed how the CDBG Program works to address housing needs that have been identified by the city and sought public input. He mentioned several areas relating to housing needs that will be studied including but not limited to housing needs for those with low to moderate incomes, housing loan programs, blight, code enforcement, tax incremental financing (TIF) and other matters.

Mr. Becker also discussed how the CDBG Program works to address community and economic development needs that have been identified by the city and sought public input. He mentioned several areas relating to economic development that will be studied included but not limited to industrial development, retail trade and tourism.

Mr. Becker then covered various CDBG activities proposed by Algoma, along with proposed activities in the area of community and economic development, and housing, and sought public input. Finally, he discussed the potential for residential or business displacement.

Several members of the public in attendance then expressed their concerns about conditions in the City.

Brad Schmiling, spoke to the need for the City to aggressively pursue new business to create jobs and prosperity.

Cathy Pabich, spoke about the need to protect our natural resources, including Crescent Beach and the importance of improving our housing stock.

Joy Krieger spoke about community code enforcement, and the upkeep of commercial establishments in the central part of the city.

John Kiedrowski spoke about the importance of maintaining an adequate labor supply, blighted factories and housing, and the importance of education, housing, parks, and public safety.

John Pabich talked about the lack of adequate housing.

Bob Davis spoke to the shortage of housing.

With no others wishing to be heard on these matters, the hearing was declared closed by the Chairman.

Pabich, moved, with a second by Wiese, to recommend that the Common Council approve Resolution No. 730 – 2015 relating to adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Algoma, Wisconsin. Motion passed.

Groessl moved, with a second by Nell, to recommend that the Common Council approve Resolution No. 731 – 2015 relating to authorizing the preparation and submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the CDBG – Planning (CDBG-PLNG) Program. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:34 PM by Pabich, and seconded by Nell. The motion carried, and the Board stood adjourned until further notice.