



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Gallagher and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Kelly and Simon were absent.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Stephens, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 meeting.**

### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2024-0307: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Smart Development, Inc. for the Community First Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Melaak Rashid, Development Director for Smart Development, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0307. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rashid pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0307 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2024-0346: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the B-Buzz Baseball League for new baseball equipment from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Wendell Fields, Executive Director/League Commissioner for B-Buzz Baseball League, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0346. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Fields pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0346 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2024-0347: A Resolution amending the award made pursuant to R2022-0170 to authorize the City of Richmond Heights to use the remaining balance of \$87,500, for the purpose of the Greenwood Farm Gazebo Project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Rachel Gardiner, Economic Development Assistant for the City of Richmond Heights, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0347. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Gardiner pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2024-0347 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Ms. Sara Parks Jackson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, addressed the committee regarding a funding opportunity from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Round 2 of the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant. Committee members asked questions of Ms. Parks Jackson pertaining to the grant, which she answered accordingly.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m., without objection.**