Pimlico Community Development Authority
Meeting
MINUTES
December 8, 2015
Pimlico Race Course, 5201 Park Heights Avenue

In Attendance: Tom Stosur, Chair; Camille Burke; Gloria Cinquegrani; Mereida Goodman; Ramsey Harris; Beth Huber; Sen. Catherine Pugh; Del. Barbara Robinson; Avraham Sauer; Roslyn Smith

Absent: Sen. Lisa Gladden; Pr. Tonya Wade; John Henderson; Del. Nathaniel Oaks; Patricia Simms

PCDA Chair’s Remarks:
Mr. Stosur welcomed attendees and board members were introduced. Mr. Stosur outlined the purpose of the meeting and highlighted that one of the goals is to receive feedback on the draft spending plan for FY’17. He stated that the members of the PCDA will use the input received in order to develop recommendations they wish to offer to the Mayor within the 45 day review period.

Overview of the Draft Plan:
Sara Paranilam (Planning) presented the key elements of the plan:
- Park Heights Master Plan Area – property acquisition, relocation, and demolition in the Major Redevelopment Area; youth development programs; funds to support the work of Park Heights Renaissance; funds for human service organizations, community association support and communications; community cleanup program; educational programming; public safety program; and community outreach and engagement
- Northwest Community Planning Forum – funds for multi-lingual Community Organizers in Fallstaff; funds for street cleaning; implementation of the Glen Hills Redevelopment Strategy; recapitalizing the homebuyer and renovation loan fund; recreation programming in the Fallstaff area; funds for a beautification project on Northern Parkway; ADA improvements to the Enslow Road baseball field; funding for Northwest Citizens on Patrol; and funds for CitiWatch cameras
- Liberty-Wabash Area – staff support for community associations; funds for community grants; public realm improvements in the Dolfield commercial area; funds for CitiWatch cameras; and funds for community broadband
- Coldspring Newtown – funds to address the redevelopment of the Mercantile/Community Cottage/Pool area
- Administrative expenses – to offset costs of the Department of Planning
Public Questions and Comments:

- Delegate Robinson requested additional information regarding street cleaning projects being contracted to the Chimes organization. She would like to know how many of the employees that are performing the street cleaning duties are residents of the local impact aid eligible areas. She is interested in having the street cleaning contract offered to local companies.

- Senator Pugh stressed the importance of using local impact aid funds to leverage additional funds and resources in order to maximize its effectiveness. She would like to blend geographic silos to support grander ideas.

- Karen Thompson-Braden asked if there were opportunities listed in the draft spending plan for the Pimlico Merchants Association. Sara Paranilam stated that the Merchants Association would be eligible to apply for a competitive grant with the funds allocated for Community Association Support and Communication.

- Patrick Henderson of the Dolfield Stakeholders Committee had questions and concerns about several of the projects listed on the draft spending plan for the Liberty-Wabash area. In particular, the Dolfield Stakeholders Committee opposes the use of local impact aid for a community broadband initiative and they would like to know who will be responsible for selecting the organization that will house a community organizer if staff support is provided to community associations.

- Ms. Camille Burke stated the need for additional information regarding several projects in the draft spending plan including Educational Programming in the Park Heights Master Plan area; selection of an organization to house an employee under Staff Support for Community Associations in the Liberty-Wabash area; and the Redevelopment of the Mercantile Building in the Coldspring Newtown area. She would like to see a funding breakdown of the Public Safety Program in order to see specifically how much money each of the organizations involved will receive. She would also like to know how many jobs within the Park Heights Renaissance organization will be supported/impacted if the draft spending plan is implemented as is.

- Several members of the audience expressed frustration for the slow progress of security camera/CitiWatch Camera projects. There is a desire to have greater responsiveness from the police department with this project.

- Mr. George Mitchell expressed that residents of Park Heights are frustrated and that everyone has to have a sense of urgency to build momentum in the community.

- Mr. R.A. Mills requested that all of the area stakeholders create a workgroup to start planning for the FY’18 spending plan. Several members of the audience liked that idea and expressed the importance that the group’s activities are open and transparent.
Conclusion:
Mr. Stosur reminded the audience that the PCDA will be accepting comments on the Draft Spending Plan through January 5. Comments should be submitted to Tom Stosur and Chad Hayes. The PCDA will meet on January 7 in a work session to determine any recommendations to submit to the Mayor.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting of the PCDA will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Pimlico Race Course.