

CITY OF LIMA
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
DECEMBER 09, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Jordan called the Economic & Community Development Committee meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed the following members present: Anthony Wilkerson, Jeannine Jordan, Thomas Jones

Others in attendance were: Todd Gordon, Carla Thompson, Derry Glenn, Jon Neeper, Jamie Dixon, Anthony Geiger, Mariah Cunningham, Della Bradford, Deb Vobbe, Meri Foster

ITEM OF DISCUSSION

1. Lima-Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP) Funding Request.

Councilor Jordan explained that she knows the important work that LACNIP does in the community so the question is really what the City's relationship is with them and what sort of support is appropriate. Councilor Jones expressed the importance of supporting LACNIP in every way possible. Councilor Thompson explained she asked the issue be referred to committee because this isn't the first request for funds the City has received from LACNIP. She asked for clarification of the relationship between the City and LACNIP and beyond funding. Councilor Glenn expressed the importance of understanding what the City's relationship is with the various Neighborhood Associations. Denise James, President of LACNIP, advised the Committee that the letter requesting funding was sent to Council prior to LACNIP's annual dinner which had a great turnout. James declined the need for additional funding from the City of Lima at this time. She reviewed the various ways LACNIP will be raising funds throughout the year. She explained to the Committee that her biggest goal is to educate the public on resources that are available in the community. She further explained she has not received non-financial support from the City including technical support. She advised the only Neighborhood Associations that belong to LACNIP are the Dr. Martin Luther King, Boulevard and Central Lima Neighborhood Associations. President Dixon referenced the various types of non-financial support that should be provided to LACNIP by the Neighborhood Specialist.

Jordan recommended LACNIP to review their mission statement and coming up with a plan on how the City can help better support their mission. James referenced the changing of various positions within the City and the lack of clarity of the support that would be provided to LACNIP. Tony Geiger is not aware of any other MOU's with LACNIP outside of the building. Jordan reiterated the importance of LACNIP brainstorming exactly how they would like the City to support them and coming back to the City with those requests. Dixon referenced the previous request that LACNIP apply for CDBG funding and the guidance the City provides to applicants. He recommended LACNIP apply for CDBG funding in 2025. Councilor Neeper referenced the expenses and income provided for LACNIP and expressed the lack of understanding the spreadsheets. He expressed the importance of having a better budget process prior to the City providing financial assistance. Dixon expressed the need to be cautious of what resources LACNIP requests from the City Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

Jones moved, seconded by Jordan, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannine Jordan
Committee Chair

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