

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

March 2, 2009

CALL TO PODIUM:

Fred Felton
Assistant City Manager

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Louise Kauffmann,
Housing and Community
Development Director

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
Advertised	02/18/09
Gaithersburg Gazette	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the City's Consolidated Planning Process for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
<p>The purpose of this hearing is to introduce Gaithersburg's receipt of CDBG funds for the 12-month period, July 2009 – June 2010, and to describe how these funds may be used to benefit low-moderate income households. This hearing will also give residents and interested organizations an opportunity to offer their recommendations as to how CDBG funds should be used in FY10.</p> <p>Staff has held three public meetings to solicit ideas for the use of the funds and to assist eligible non-profits understand the application process. Two evening meetings were held at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, and a meeting was held at City Hall during business hours.</p> <p>The three main goals of the CDBG program are to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.</p> <p>The City is required to use at least 70 percent of CDBG funds for projects that benefit persons of low or moderate income, including homeless and special needs persons and households living within a low-moderate income community based on census tract and block group.</p> <p>Up to 20 percent of each year's grant may be used for planning and administrative costs and 15 percent may be used to fund public service projects; remaining funds are used for capital or other eligible costs.</p> <p>Although HUD has not announced its FY10 allocations, based on prior year awards, the City anticipates receiving \$445,000 in CDBG funds effective July 1, 2009.</p>

DESIRED OUTCOME:
Receive staff presentation, conduct public hearing, and provide opportunity for public comment. Staff recommends the record be held open until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 27, 2009.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg will hold a public hearing to solicit proposals for the expenditure of FY2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on Monday, March 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 31 South Summit Avenue. The public is invited to attend to present proposals for community development activities that meet one of two national Housing and Urban Development objectives; (1) to benefit persons of low and moderate income or (2) to prevent slums and blight. Following a review of projects submitted, selected proposals will be included in the 2009 Action Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for final funding approval.

For further information regarding the hearing, please call Louise Kauffmann at the City Manager's Office at 301-258-6310.

Louise Kauffmann
Housing and Community Development Director

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