

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 15, 2022

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chairman
Alderman Patricia Klee, Clerk
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

Members of the Committee absent: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Vice-Chair

Also in Attendance: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO FY2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Sullivan and co would you like to present briefly on that? Okay, please proceed.

Alderman Klee

My apologies. Mr. Chairman, I should have announced that Julian long and Director Sullivan were also here.

Chairman Lopez

Thank you.

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Good evening Committee members. Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director for the record. My only objective this evening is actually to introduce the Urban Programs Department Manager Julian long to review this piece of legislation in the public hearing requests before you this evening. Thank you.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Good evening everyone. My name is Julian Long. I am the Urban Programs Manager. This public hearing is related to some CARES Act funding. We received notice out back in May of this year. It's an additional \$168,968 and that is for our Community Development Block Grant Program. So those funds must be used to benefit low to moderate income residents of the city as well as to prepare for (inaudible) or otherwise respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. We received a number of applications. That application was made available in July and due in July as well given we must have these funds allocated in our agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in place by September.

Chairman Lopez

Do any members of the committee have clarifying questions?

Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you. Mr. Long what's the total again \$1,600?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

No. It's \$168,968. Its formula based, which is why it's not a nice even amount.

Alderman Timmons

Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long before you go, do any other members have any other questions for clarification?

Alderman Klee

Thank you. I just looked at your memo and I did see the \$168,968 and then you said that the nine applications requesting a total of \$197,400. That means that some aren't going to get all of it or is...?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Unfortunately, yes. Not all applicants can be funded in full. We do not have the amount of money to do so.

Alderman Klee

So when you say they won't be funded in full but they may still get some funding, correct?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Certainly if that is something the Committee wishes to do.

Alderman Klee

I just want clarification for the public. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long in terms of eligibility criteria, you mentioned low to moderate income. Do you happen to know what the threshold is for moderate income?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes so the HUD puts it at 80% of area median income.

Chairman Lopez

Do you know what that is relative to Nashua?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So Nashua is its own region. For that, I don't remember offhand. I think we're somewhat over \$100,000 annual income is our area median. It's also broken down by family size - whether it's a one person, two person, etc. household.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Any other questions for clarification purposes before we move on to public hearing?

Alderman Moran

So it's the public hearing and then we discussed the bill next and do we allocate the next?

Chairman Lopez

Correct. Typically we'll have a presentation just to clarify for the record and for any public that are attending what the public hearing is for. Any Aldermen who have clarifying questions can just ask it so that it's presented. It's the public's turn to speak and then we at our regular meeting can have more discussions.

Alderman Moran

Got it. All right.

Chairman Lopez

All right. If no further clarifications, I would invite public comment testimony in favor. This is in favor to amending FY2020 to 2025 Consolidated Plan for CDBG and HOME plans. Seeing none.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR – None

TESTIMONY AGAINST - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY AGAINST - None

Chairman Lopez

As it appears there being no members of the public wishing to make testimony, public hearing is closed.

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chairman
Alderman Patricia Klee, Clerk
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

Members of the Committee absent: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Vice-Chair

Also in Attendance: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager
Re: Urban Programs Department Updates – July 2022

From: Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager
Re: Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Round 4 Funding

There being no objection, Chairman Lopez accepted the communications and placed them on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-051

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez

Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$95,000 FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY “2022 BYRNE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM”

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Director Sullivan would you happen to be able to present on what this is?

Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director

Mr. Chair I would not be able to comment on what this is. Sorry.

Chairman Lopez

I think we might be in the same boat. Any members of the Committee particularly familiar with this? I don't want to necessarily table this because it's a large amount but it would be nice to have a presentation and a description of what we're moving to accept.

Alderman Moran

Would it make sense to table this until a member of the Police Department is here to present?

Chairman Lopez

I hope it makes sense. The problem is that typically when we table anything in this particular meeting, our next meeting is the second of the next month so that could hurt their funding process.

Alderman Klee

Mr. Chairman in reading the analysis of this, and I apologize I did not contact the police I assumed they would be here, the one thing that did strike me about this is that there was no local fund match being required. So this will cause the city no funds out of their budget nor that and I would recommend the acceptance of this \$95,000 from the United States Department of Justice.

According to the analysis, it says it for the purpose of acquiring the service of a third party vendor to provide Nashua Police Department 24/7 interpretation and translation services to the community members. So I think that's what the basis of it is. So I would recommend it.

Chairman Lopez

I think I was briefed on this last year when we were working on it too. So I am comfortable moving forward. If members of the Committee would like a brief, I can ask the Police Department to send us one before the next Aldermen meeting that way we're not literally going in blind. This is something that I remember from my last term.

Alderman Klee

I would, again, recommend the final passage of it (inaudible) if no one has any qualms about it.

Chairman Lopez

Okay.

Alderman Klee

We can do a voice vote.

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Lopez	4
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

R-22-052

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
 Alderman John Sullivan
 Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
 Alderman Thomas Lopez
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderman June M. Caron
 Alderman Derek Thibeault
 Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
 Alderman Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$91,578 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2023 COVID RELAXED RESTRICTIONS GRANT PROGRAM"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

As there's no one here from the Police, again I did go through the analysis. There are no matching funds required. This is to take care of overtime and such for the Police relative to the Coronavirus and it also says purchase of drone equipment. I don't know what they need for the drone equipment but no matching funds are required. I would recommend the same as you said that they could send us a brief afterwards.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. Does this satisfy the board because this I do not remember from last year?

Alderman Klee

Yes. No, this is brand new I think.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Lopez

Alright for members of public who are watching, I will reach out to the Police Department and ask them to send a memo for the next Board of Aldermen meeting so we have a formal brief on this. But as Aldermen and legislators, we do receive a summary of what the intention is. It's a little bit easier if somebody is knowledgeable can answer questions. You can't really argue with a piece of paper or ask questions. Given the circumstances the fact that there's no match and that they're relatively small grants relative to other things we do, that's why we're willing to move it to the Board of Aldermen. If there are any concerns that come up before that, we would bring those up in the Board of Aldermen meeting and still be able to express those concerns or explore the issues.

R-22-057

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault

AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2025 TO ACCEPT ROUND 4 CDBG-CV FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 CARES ACT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long would you mind coming up to answer some quick questions about this? I believe Alderman Moran particularly had some.

Alderman Moran

Thanks so much. So we have \$168,968 extra from HUD. The organizations that put in grants equal I think \$197,399. If we approve this today, obviously not everyone can get the grant money because they're over. If we approve this, how do we determine who's getting what and how much?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So my assumption is that that will be decided tonight by the Committee members how you would like to recommend the allocations be broken down by grant applicant and then the full Board would approve at their September meeting.

Alderman Moran

Hearing that, may I? I would like to make a motion to amend and completely cut Harbor Care from receiving \$25,000 and that will allow only a \$3,431 difference to allocate for the other programs who are in need.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO AMEND AND COMPLETELY CUT HARBOR CARE FROM RECEIVING \$25,000 WHICH WILL ALLOW A \$3,431 DIFFERENCE TO ALLOCATE TO THE OTHER PROGRAMS WHO ARE IN NEED

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long what is your impression of that?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So I consulted with my staff before tonight's meeting to ask them to also review the grant applications. Certainly there was an initial review for eligibility. They're all eligible for the funding that they've requested. The recommendation from my staff was to fund United Way for \$18,900, CASA of New Hampshire for \$10,000, the Youth Council for \$18,000...

Alderman Klee

Could I ask you to just slow down?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So sorry Ma'am.

Alderman Klee

The United Way for \$18,899.44 was they're requesting?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes.

Alderman Klee

Okay. And I'm sorry, the second one was?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

The Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire for their full \$10,000 request.

Alderman Klee

Okay. And it was just those two?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

The Youth Council for \$18,500.

Alderman Klee

Okay.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

And the remaining applicants for about \$20,000 each. Evenly split - the remaining funds evenly split between remaining applicants.

In addition to that, there were potential concerns noted for Harbor Homes because of the vast number of programs that they have and the number of clients they serve that there might be some difficulties in documenting their services as required by HUD.

Alderman Moran

So again...

Alderman Klee

There's a motion on the floor.

Alderman Moran

My motion is to not permit Harbor Homes to have any funding from the city out of this grant and I'd like to speak to that.

So that last year Harbor Care brought in \$38,000,000 - \$38,000,000. Their CEO makes over \$500,000 a year. Their CEO makes more than the CEO of Planned Parenthood, which is countrywide. They don't need \$25,000 from the city. The last time we gave them money, they couldn't even account for it and then we put in rigid standards and how they report back. They have recently gone through an audit that the Attorney General found that they misappropriated like a shell game moving money around. I'm not okay with spending a dime or sending money at Harbor Care and on top of it, it's to fix the HVAC system and a pretty new building where they just put their clinic, which is a federally qualified health care center and has a very sturdy base grant.

Alderwoman Timmons

I have to piggyback on what Melbourne had said about them shuffling money around from one program to another. They're notorious for doing that as we know Chairman Lopez that they do. So I agree with Alderman Moran on that.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no issue with Alderman Moran's motion to Harbor Homes. My only question is to Mr. Long. Then we have this \$20,000 back on the table. Would you then recommend that we spread that evenly amongst it or is there one of these applicants that should be completely funded because they're all \$25,000? You've basically cut \$5,000 from them. Your recommendation is to cut \$5,000 for him and we had \$20,000. I think we have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 other ones. Would you say to just spread that amongst them like \$2,200 each or would you just say fund certain ones and...

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

There's one of two approaches. I would suggest either an even split makes a lot of sense but also possibly look at over funding some of the construction type requests. Some of these grant applications are for services only so things such as your staff wages, utilities, soft costs of that nature but some are for construction based projects. You'll note a number of HVAC replacements among the applications. My experience has been that often the amount they request is under what the actual project will be based partly on, you know, increase in construction costs by the time the project is ready to actually go out to bid but also this being federally funded - Davis Bacon Wage Requirements. Agencies don't always anticipate those.

Alderman Klee

Follow up. Okay so for instance, I look at the Nashua Children's Home where they're looking at one of the items that they suggested was the HVAC upgrades to two residential facilities for abused, neglected. When we started this, we were looking at \$20,000. Your recommendation was \$20,000. Are you saying that one you would fund to the full \$25,000 or are you saying the Youth Council who's asking \$18,500 that you would over fund them?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes, I would suggest over funding the ones that are under \$20,000 if you wish to go that way.

Alderman Klee

So your recommendation would be to overfund \$18,500. Is that acceptable when they've only asked for \$18,500?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

I'm not aware of anything that would prevent us from doing so.

Alderman Klee

We should probably take care of this...

Chairman Lopez

I was gonna say, Madam Clerk if we could start the amendments.

From my part, I am not exactly aware that the Harbor Care is, you know, notorious for moving funds around or anything of that nature. I know that the State did investigate them. I do know that their CEO who is retiring and gave his notice of retirement earlier this year is very well paid but he also for much of his career managed I think five nonprofits for the role of one. So that's something that they do need to manage internally, but I think they're on that path. I think literally the problem is that their CEO accumulated so much vacation time that you couldn't just be like thanks for your retirement and goodbye. Like he is deliberately stepping down in a measured manner to avoid any kind of sticker shock. So that's my understanding of the situation.

With regards to this HVAC situation particularly, it is concerning that they can't specifically explain where money would go. That's where I would probably agree with Alderman Moran's amendment that if there isn't a plan for how exactly this would be spent and dispersed, then I'd rather give it to places that are more comfortable doing that. Mr. Long as that the impression you were trying to give?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

I was outlining options I think might make sense. I'm not trying to express a preference for the options.

Chairman Lopez

Okay but you did indicate there was some concern in internal discussions about whether or not they could account for...?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Oh yes, yes. Yes largely due to just the size of the agency and because it's the facilities project and the client served would be everyone who has served in those buildings. It's a lot of income to document.

Chairman Lopez

Okay, that makes sense.

As Alderman Moran pointed out, I think it was referenced but just for clarifications point, when he says it has a high base rate, I think what he means is they're able to bill for services and they're able to generate revenue with that site where a lot of these other organizations may not clearly be able to do that in the same way other. Alderman Moran was that...

Alderman Moran

Yeah, so they have a base grant of at least a million dollars through HRSA - Health Resources Service Agency - and then they can bill and they also get on the FQHCC - Federally Qualified Health Care Center at reimbursement rate for Medicare, Medicaid. So when Greater Nashua for example bills someone for psychotherapy, they get \$76. Harbor Care gets \$125 plus because they have this special arrangement for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. So they're not hurting. We just saw that they \$30 plus million dollars. Where you have the Children's Home, they can't bill revenue and bill like that. They're working off of contracts from the State which are limited.

Chairman Lopez

Okay and I can follow that reasoning. I definitely believe that Harbor Care as a clinic offers important services to a lot of people. We have a shortage of mental health providers. We need dentists for people who can meet a low income population. They do a lot of good work in that building but there may be administrative reasons. There are a lot of organizations that do a lot of really good work in Nashua. No one's going to argue that the Children's Home doesn't deserve the support to. So I think, personally, I'm ready to vote on the amendment. Are there any other comments on the amendment?

Alderman Moran

I just have one other comment. I'm sorry, Madam Clerk may I? I think, you know, as you noted, there will be a new CEO soon and I think when that occurs, I think Harbor Care will be in a better position to come to the city and re-partner with us in a healthy way. I'm very glad to see the previous CEO leave.

Alderman Klee

Yes and Alderman Moran if I don't have this correct, please correct me. Alderman Moran's motion to cut Harbor Homes request of the \$25,000 HVAC replacement upgrades for Health Care Center and administrative office provides health care services for LMI residents to cut that \$25,000 request. Did I do that properly?

Alderman Moran

That's correct.

Alderman Klee

Okay.

Chairman Lopez

All right.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO AMEND R-22-057 TO CUT HARBOR CARE FROM THE LIST OF BLOCK GRANTS
MOTION CARRIED**

Chairman Lopez

All right. We have amended the plan now that there's an additional funding available, now we have to plan on what to do with it.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I just have like one recommendation. I know that Mr. Long had suggested that we possibly overfund certain areas such as the Youth Council but I think I would prefer to in light of this last amendment, I would prefer to bring more of these up to what they wanted. For instance - and I keep picking on the Nashua Children's Home. The \$25,000 if we only gave them the \$20,000 of what was recommended, then we're shorting them \$5,000. We would be overfunding something like the Youth Council and maybe they may need it when it comes but I would think so will the Nashua Children's Home and so on. So I would rather see it either split equally amongst those that are requesting it or that we look into individual ones, such as the Hillsborough County Advocacy Center support of abuse, neglected children as the body would. I would rather see the others spread or recommendations. Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Long would like to speak.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes. If it's helpful to think of things in this way, I just did the math. The gap between the amount of funds we have and what is being requested with the removal of Harbor Care's request is a gap of - if I did the math right - \$3,431.54.

Chairman Lopez

That's like a can of tuna fish people come on. I would just say for myself, I know Family Promise recently moved into a new building and there is a tremendous need for transitional housing in our city because we have such an over - well actually an overcapacity in rental housing. We have expansions to emergency shelters coming online but it's been well known that there's only one organization in the city that can provide emergency shelter to families. So having families able to transition out of that situation or enter transitional housing instead of being in an emergency shelter setting I think it's very important.

And then additionally, Lamprey Health Care's mobile health care clinics. I think having health care that is accessible to people that isn't as limited by mobility is important and reaching into communities that may have bigger barriers to transportation. Those are some pretty worthy causes. Are there additional thoughts? We're \$3,000 short.

Alderman Moran

Wouldn't it just makes sense to spread that remainder evenly to the rest of the projects or is it one...?

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long if we didn't overpay anybody and we spread it evenly after accounting for reaching the funding levels requested would there be - what if we spread the excess specifically among the other organizations?

Alderman Moran

I'm sorry. That's what I meant too. Not United Way, CASA, and Youth Council. The other ones are underlined.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes I just want to quickly clarify that unless I've done the math incorrectly, we're not talking about excess. We're talking about a deficit. So it would be taking away. I have no objections whatsoever to dividing up that \$3,000, etc. evenly among them. I don't think that should have a significant impact on their proposed projects. I haven't done the

math yet. I'm happy to do so in a minute.

Chairman Lopez

Looks like 320 something.

Alderman Klee

So we have \$25,000 that we divided by the remaining six that didn't get fully funded if I'm correct, which should be adding \$4,166.66. I think there's a couple of pennies there.

Chairman Lopez

So that's...

Alderman Klee

That would be almost fully funded.

Chairman Lopez

But I think Mr. Long was going from the top to the bottom. So everybody gets what they want except for a) Harbor Care and then b) everybody's going to be short like \$300 something dollars.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes. I just did the math. I believe it's about 429 or take. I don't think that would prevent any of the projects from going forward even construction projects.

Chairman Lopez

Any other thoughts on the Committee?

Alderman Klee

Okay. So I'm sorry, may I Mr. Chairman. Thank you. So when I look at this, I look at the remaining ones from what originally was spoken to, to fully fund them is Family Promises who wants \$25,000; Hillsborough County Advocacy Center who wants \$25,000; Lamprey Health Care \$25,000; The Boys and Girls Club wants \$25,000; and Nashua Children's Home wants \$25,000. So if I happen to do my math correct that's five, right? That's five of them. So if we split the \$20,000 amongst five - we were going to only give them \$20,000. So that would be \$4,000 each. Is that correct?

Chairman Lopez

I think, again, you're going from zero up and everyone else is going from the top down.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes so if you fully fund all of the grant requests, minus Harbor Homes, the amount I get is \$172,399.54, which slightly exceeds the amount we have available to allocate.

Alderman Moran

So we have to take \$3,431.54 spread equally from the remainder - that's not United Way, CASA, or Youth Council.

Chairman Lopez

So we are splitting the deficit instead of these surplus.

Alderman Moran

Yes so that would be how much again?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

The exact amount of deficit is \$3,431.54.

Alderman Moran

Which would break down to you said 429?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Yes, I believe. So if we distribute it evenly among - oh, I didn't count for the 54 cents.

Alderman Moran

In your calculations, remove United Way, CASA, and Youth Council.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So if it's just the five applicants who are having funding taken away, then that should be \$686.31.

Alderman Klee

Well 31 cents would put us over. We need to go I think 30 cents and that will give us - I'm sorry Mr. Chairman may I speak? Thank you. That would mean that the \$25,000 requested would change to \$20,686.31 cents. Is that correct?

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Well it would from those five applicants that we are taking funds away from. So is that all that \$25,000 folks?

Alderman Klee

They're all \$25,000.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

Okay, then yes, I will do that math.

Chairman Lopez

Just to clarify why the rest of us are being quiet and letting Alderman Klee do this. What did you do for the VA now?

Alderman Klee

Well I worked in computers and I worked in finance.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

So the amount I get is \$24,313.69 because of some rounding up or down to cents, somebody might actually get 70 cents or 68 cents, but.

Chairman Lopez

If you flip a coin, do you have to subtract the cost of the coin? Alright, so I think generally we've all agreed on evenly the funding amongst those five organizations as we're able to do it and then letting them equally soak up the shortcut fall.

Alderman Klee

Right.

Chairman Lopez

Does that work as a motion?

Alderman Klee

Yes I think so. Let me let me just write this motion down for Donna. So the motion would be to fund United Way of Greater Nashua for \$18,899.5; to fund the Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire for \$10,000; to fund the Youth Council \$18,500; and the remaining amount would be equally split amongst Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, Hillsborough County Child Advocacy Center, the Lamprey Health Care, the Boys Club and Girls Club of Nashua, and the Nashua Children's Home, and eliminate Harbor Homes as we did from the from the previous motion.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO FUND UNITED WAY OF GREATER NASHUA FOR \$18,899.54; TO FUND THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR \$10,000; TO FUND THE YOUTH COUNCIL \$18,500; AND THE REMAINING AMOUNT WOULD BE EQUALLY SPLIT AMONGST FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, THE LAMPREY HEALTH CARE, THE BOYS CLUB AND GIRLS CLUB OF NASHUA, AND THE NASHUA CHILDREN'S HOME, AND ELIMINATE HARBOR HOMES AS WE DID FROM THE FROM THE PREVIOUS MOTION

Chairman Lopez

Okay, I just say amend as reasonably possible just so someone doesn't like you didn't split that last sentence.

Alderman Klee

Okay so I'm going to just put here this motion to fund and I will put those and the remainder amongst the other applicants as stated. Does that sound right?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO FUND UNITED WAY OF GREATER NASHUA FOR \$18,899.54; TO FUND THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR \$10,000; TO FUND THE YOUTH COUNCIL \$18,500; AND THE REMAINDER AMONGST THE OTHER APPLICANTS

Chairman Lopez

As long as you can explicitly give it to Donna and she can write it explicitly.

Alderman Klee

I will yes.

Chairman Lopez

And take it from my understanding what we're doing.

Alderman Klee

Does that sound accurate?

Alderman Moran

Yes.

Alderman Klee

Okay, so I'm going to read it again.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO FULLY FUND UNITED WAY OF GREATER NASHUA FOR \$18,899.54; TO FULLY FUND THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCACY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR \$10,000; TO FULLY FUND THE YOUTH COUNCIL \$18,500; AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDS WILL BE TO SPLIT EVENLY AMONGST THE OTHER APPLICANTS

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE – None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe through you to Mr. Long. If you could relay back to Harbor Care, or at least on my behalf - I don't know about the other Aldermen. They have a lot of relationship building that they need to do with the City of Nashua after burning bridges in the past. At minimum if they're going to apply, they should be here to present to the board. At least I want to hear from them. Thank you.

Chairman Lopez

All right. If someone from Harbor Care is interested in taking Alderman Moran up on that, as Chair I would certainly love a presentation on what they're currently doing, what kind of things the city is partnering with them, and things of that nature. I don't think anybody would object to seeing a little more direct information on that.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Long I know it's very difficult with this type of report but I did look at it on my computer where I could really spread it open but I have almost 62 year old eyes and this is really difficult to read. If we could get something that was a little bit easier either larger font and so on. I know too well Alderman Lopez, he's just seeing a white piece of paper.

Chairman Lopez

If you get that in an audio book format.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

I do apologize Alderwoman Klee. I noticed that and that was an attempt to compromise between fitting information and keeping page count down. I really should have just copy pasted to a Word document and format it that way.

Alderman Klee

I know. I appreciate all the work that you do. I'm not being critical of it. It's just that sometimes we get it all the time. I know we've even seen it on displays. I do have old eyes so. I do appreciate it.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

No I will (inaudible) before the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Klee

I do appreciate that. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Lopez

Mr. Long if you're interested in a future meeting presenting on the things that urban planning is doing, I know particularly being the Ward 4 Alderman, I'm always like what's going on with Your Choice Your Voice or whatever. But that's as I remember them and that they happen. It might not be a bad idea to refresh committee in general like the types of things you're working on when you're not trying to keep up with HUDs certain guidelines and expectations.

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager

For the Your Voice Your Choice, I actually if you wouldn't mind defer to Director Sullivan on that. I believe he's been

more hands on with that.

Chairman Lopez

Okay. I mean like I said, there's agenda time whatever you want to do. So thank you very much. Okay, any further discussion?

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I appreciate this time. One of the things I like about this Remarks by the Aldermen is we can just speak about anything. Alderman Lopez and I have been trying to work on a new project for something we're calling "River Fest". If there's anybody in the audience that's looking for it, I'm looking for volunteers to help with that. We're planning on doing it on October 15th in the parking lot of the Greeley House. Loft 34 has generously allowed us to use that space. I'm trying to get in touch with the Rotary Club because they're having their Duck Derby at the time and we'd like to start our event as they're dropping their ducks.

Chairman Lopez

They're getting their ducks in a row.

Alderman Klee

They're getting their ducks in a row yes. I highly recommend people buying more ducks. They still need more ducks to be purchased as they refer to them as "adopted". You don't get to take him home but you get to put your money on them and you get a number. So I strongly recommend you do that. If anybody wants to come and help, it's going to be in Ward 3 but I don't look at it as it's just a Ward 3 event. I look at as a community event, just on the other side of the river.

Chairman Lopez

The River Fest is a Ward 3 based community event that the city's welcome to. The duck races is the Rotary.

Alderman Klee

The city-wide Rotary and they do phenomenal work for - if you go on their website, you can see the list of organizations that they work for and they help to fund.

Chairman Lopez

And has a fundraising effort. Everything the Rotary is paying for something taxpayers are not so that's always nice. But in addition to that, I believe is there a cash prize for winning if your duck crosses the line?

Alderman Klee

I think there's some kind of prize. I bought lots of ducks - adopted lots of ducks and never gotten anything. So I just - not even the duck.

Chairman Lopez

So that's definitely something to look forward to. The Duck Race is going to be on October 15th as is the Nashua River Fest.

Alderman Klee

It will be the first annual.

Alderwoman Timmons

I have a question on the River Fest. We have a whole bunch of festivals. I mean tons of them. This year it's been really (inaudible) and then you're having a Culture Connection Fest prior to that. We just got finished with several fests in the past month and I was wondering what specific reason why we're having another one?

Alderman Klee

I can answer that.

Chairman Lopez

Sure. It's Aldermen Comments but.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. The reason why we're doing this is to bring more of Ward - that's why I said. It is a Ward 3 event as a community event as is his when he has that one. But I think because of where it's being held that one, it'll become more of a community event. It's not just for downtown. That's a part of Ward 3 that often is kind of ignored. Some people think its Ward 4. Some people think its Ward 3. I don't ignore any of that. It's over by the Franklin School, which they're doing a lot of work on. I think it's going to help build community with community. So it's not just Ward 3 or that particular group of people that are living there. What it'll do is it'll bring other people from other communities as well as people from Ward 3. A diverse group of people hopefully will come support. As I said to Alderman Lopez and another person who we've been working with, sadly I don't necessarily speak some of the languages they speak but I do want to communicate with them. I would love to be there. I would love to have people from every walk of life – from Latino, from whatever kind of group that would be there that would have a table. I think that is a sharing of information. I'd love to have someone from the Board of Health. Maybe Mr. Mack or something like that. Somebody from the Front Door Agency that can kind of build this community with these people. I think that's what these fests do.

Alderwoman Timmons

Okay, this is kind of like grass root type fest.

Alderman Klee

It's the very first one.

Chairman Lopez

That neighborhood is very diverse, economically too because Loft 34, Cotton Mill, and then a lot of everything from individuals who own homes, to people who have subdivided apartments, and all that kind of stuff. When you move a large population in, like we did with Cotton Mill and then we later on do Loft 34. It just makes sense to get everybody together and have them get to know each other otherwise you feel like you're being invaded. Since as Aldermen we just rearranged some of their streets and their overnight parking. It's a good opportunity to take stock and say okay we all came out of the pandemic. Who's here? What's going on? What are these organizations? I think it'd be a great opportunity for people in Lofts 34 or Cotton Mill to get to know some of the nonprofits that maybe we see at festivals like we take for granted but, you know, who is the Youth Council? What does the rescue missions do? There's a lot of things and a lot of organizations that these are opportunities to see.

I would also point out that these festivals aren't all organized by the same people. I know I go to a lot of them and I know Alderman Klee is very, very involved as well. But we just had two different Latin festivals. One was a church fair festival this past weekend. Incredibly well run and definitely a labor of love by those parishioners. That was mostly food based cooking that kind of stuff and has a long history. The earlier one which was equally well done was done by First Gen American to try to engage multiple groups of Latino Americans to celebrate Latin culture. They brought in international performers and a lot of really unique features that those organizers came up with. So Nashua is a big city. We have a lot of people who want to have parties. We definitely might be overusing the term "festival". So that is unfortunate but ours is a "fest" not a festival. So if that helps but it can be exhausting when you try to go to all of them.

Alderwoman Timmons

It's just that, and it's just my opinion, there's a lot of them and I go to a lot of them. It's like all the time. Sometimes it can play out when there's too many. What I think you do in Ward 3 is really great. It's just that just have to be aware

of there's a lot of the same people doing the same thing even if the name has changed.

Alderman Klee

May I speak to that? Thank you. I don't disagree with you. I think even if we have the same tables of every single festival, you don't always get the people that maybe don't drive or that live within that area to those festivals. So what we're doing is festival to festival, organization to organization. We are bringing these groups of people to them and we're saying these things are there available for you. I don't foresee it to be as wonderful - at least the first one as all the other ones with music and that type of thing. I'm not discounting it but we hope to have a food truck there. We hope to have multicultural type of tables there. I'm hoping to have somebody like the United Way there, Front Door Agency, Youth Council so that people that live there haven't just heard these names. They get to talk to these people and they get to see their neighbors.

So Loft 34 is asking can we have a table there. Of course they gave the space. We would want them there. So when people are coming into the neighborhood, they can actually talk to them. Talk to the neighbors that lived there, talk to the people who have given up their parking spaces so that we can have this. That's what I'm saying and I do understand. If you'll notice this one is later in the year. That's why we kind of put it with the same time that the Rotary is having their duck festival. Not to take away for it but to continue after it with the same people that might be there.

Alderwoman Timmons

So it's on the same day?

Alderman Klee

It's on the same day right after they don't they dump their ducks.

Alderwoman Timmons

Okay. That made a lot of sense.

Alderman Klee

We're not doing a separate day and it's in mid-October kind of later in the year. Things are getting cooler, shorter days.

Chairman Lopez

It's definitely an interesting problem to have to have too many festivals. But in this particular case, it's not really gonna cause any traffic flow problems or any of the stuff that like I cause with the block party. Sorry Ash Street. It has different features to it and I have had conversations with like DPW and other city departments about streamlining our event permitting application so that there's little impact administratively on the city so that nonprofits like get their stage delivered on time or whatever and that we improve that mechanism because there's a lot of people in the city with something to celebrate. There's a lot of neighborhoods that have unique needs and there's a lot of opportunities.

Any Aldermanic Comments? I have an aldermanic comment. Tomorrow at Main Street United Methodist from 9 to 1 is an event called "Suit Yourself". It's a job preparation event. So anybody who's feeling like they're not quite ready for an interview, you can go for interview practice. You can go for resume writing assistance. You can go if you need new clothes - interview clothes, if you need a haircut. That's being organized by the Greater Nashua Continuum Cares Employment Committee through Revive Recovery and Main Street United Methodist. So that will be tomorrow at Main Street United Methodist from 9 am to 1. Anybody who completes the job preparation course is getting a ticket for lunch which is provided by Soul Sistas and then that is a warm up for the main event on Wednesday, which is Employment Connect. Employment Connect is in its 13th event. Like 50th year but 13th event and is a job fair event that features face to face conversation and interaction. So employers will be there ready to hire. They'll be ready to interview and that's at the library from 9 to 1 as well. So two great events for people who are looking for work and the second one is also particularly good for employers who are looking for employees.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Alderman Patricia Klee
Committee Clerk