

Public Hearing Minutes
Block Grant Working Committee
2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendments (2023-#1)
Friday, January 27, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Aurora City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room – 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois

BLOCK GRANT WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: No members present

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Chris Ragona, Liz Carrizales, Adam Grubbs, Amy Munro,

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Binder, Rebuilding Together Aurora; Ramona Wood, Rebuilding Together Aurora

Adam Grubbs opened the public hearing at 1:07 p.m.

Mr. Grubbs introduced himself and Community Development Division staff from the City of Aurora, Elizabeth Carrizales, Chris Ragona, and Amy Munro.

Mr. Grubbs stated that the Public Hearings will be conducted for two separate items:

- *City's 2023 City of Aurora Annual Action Plan*
- *Substantial Amendment #2023-1*

Mr. Grubbs opened the public hearing for 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendments (2023-#1). He stated that the purpose of the Public Hearings is not to discuss or respond to specific questions regarding the City's 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment 2023-#1. The purpose of the public hearings is to also obtain public input for the City Council in their deliberations, and to HUD on the proposed 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment 2023-#1. Input will be provided to City Council in their consideration of the funding recommendations will be included in the 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 submittals to HUD.

Mr. Grubbs also advised that on January 13, 2023, the public hearing notice for the 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment #2023-1 was made available for review and public comment on the City of Aurora's website, City of Aurora-Community Development Division, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL, and at the City's three library branches. The public hearing notice advises that upon advance request, the City will provide translation services to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents and that City will also take whatever actions are appropriate to serve the needs of persons with disabilities. To make special arrangements, or to provide comments, the public is advised to contact the Community Development Division, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507, (630) 256-3320 or cdd@aurora.il.us.

Mr. Grubbs introduced the first item, the City's 2023 City of Aurora Annual Action Plan

Mr. Grubbs stated that today's public hearing is being held in accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of HUD in order to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the 2023 City of Aurora Annual Action Plan and proposed funding recommendations.

Mr. Grubbs asked if anyone would like to provide public testimony and requested that they state their name, address, and if representing an agency, the name of agency.

Heather Binder introduced herself as Executive Director of Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA). Ms. Binder expressed RTA's appreciation on behalf of those they serve in the City of Aurora. She thanked the City for its continued support.

There were no other public comments.

Mr. Grubbs closed the first public hearing.

Mr. Grubbs opened the second public hearing and introduced Substantial Amendment 2023-#1

Mr. Grubbs stated that today's public hearing is being held in accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of HUD in order to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities under *Substantial Amendment 2023-#1*. The proposed Amendments to the City's 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans will de-obligate prior and current year CDBG and CDBG – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) funds from projects that were cancelled and/or had unexpended funds and to re-allocate the funds to existing or new projects. Approximately \$781,000 in CDBG funds and approximately \$104,000 in CDBG-CV funds will be reprogrammed to existing and/or new projects.

Mr. Grubbs asked if anyone would like to provide public testimony and requested that they state their name, address, and if representing an agency, the name of agency.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Grubbs closed the second public hearing.

He reviewed the public participation process as outlined in the Public Notice.

Mr. Grubb closed the public hearing at 1:15 p.m.