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MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 22, 2016, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Call to Order: Chairperson Cobb called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Roll Call: Matt Rejc called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Fred Cobb, Anne Heinze Silvis, Janice Bengston, Chris Diana, Lauren Karplus and Jerry Moreland

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Brian Cunningham

Others Present: Matt Rejc and Don Ho, Community Development Services

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Cobb asked for approval or corrections to the August 23, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Silvis moved to approve the minutes as written and Commissioner Diana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: Chairperson Cobb asked if there was any written communication to the Commission, there were none.

Audience Participation: Chairperson Cobb stated that audience members could speak if they so wished, no one from the audience stepped forward to speak.

Staff Report: Matt Rejc, Grants Management Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening, which included HUD activities, staff activities, meetings attended, and various projects and programs.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

**A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING AN URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM TENTANT
BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT (COMMUNITY
ELEMENTS TBRA FY 2013-2014)**

Mr. Rejc began by saying that the agreement with Community Elements for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance was signed in 2014. The City dedicated \$32,000 to what was then Community Elements. Recently, Community Elements went through some ownership changes and it is now known as Rosecrance Inc. The segment of Rosecrance that operates TBRA is now Rosecrance Champaign-Urbana. The agreement was originally for \$32,000, but one draw has been made, so now there is \$27,713 remaining on the contract. Because the agreement is currently made with

Community Elements, the City needs to formally amend or assign the agreement to Rosecrance Inc., so that Rosecrance Inc. can have access to those funds that were originally laid out only for Community Elements. Mr. Rejc stated that there would be no changes to the funding amount or the programming. The new agreement would not have any bearings on the commitment deadline or City finances. He recommends the Community Development Commission to forward the resolutions to Council with a recommendation for approval.

Chairperson Cobb asked what would happen if the City decides not to amend the agreement. Mr. Rejc explained that the City would not be able to make any payment to Rosecrance and the money would stay unused. Commissioner Diana then asked about the differences in operations, staffing and goals between Rosecrance Inc. and Community Elements. Mr. Rejc explained that they are virtually identical in this program. Rosecrance was based out of Rockford, IL and Community Elements was based in Champaign-Urbana. Their segment of the TBRA operations is still going to be operated locally. Rosecrance is a much larger organization than Community Elements. One of the reasons for the merger was because Rosecrance specializes in substance abuse and Community Elements recognized that was a very important need in the community. They hope by merging with Rosecrance, a substance abuse treatment center of some kind can be established in Champaign-Urbana area.

Chairperson Cobb entertained a motion to either forward the Resolutions to Council with a recommendation for approval, forward the resolutions to Council with a recommendation for approval with changes, or to not forward for approval. Commissioner Karplus motioned for the approval of the Resolution, Commissioner Moreland seconded the motion; the motion carried

Study Session: No items for this agenda.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chairperson Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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