



Rochester City Council

Community Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

James Gray, Chairperson

Elaine Lauterborn, Vice Chairperson

Sandra Keans

Jake Collins

Donna Bogan

Meeting Date:	March 16, 2015	
Members Present:	Councilor Bogan Councilor Collins Councilor Gray Councilor Keans Councilor Lauterborn	Members Absent: None
Guests/Staff:	Richard Bickford, Rochester Schools' Buildings and Grounds Director Michael Hopkins, Rochester Schools' Superintendent Julian Long, Community Development Coordinator	

Councilor Gray called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

<p>Viewing of Proposed Elevator Lift Site at Spaulding High School</p>	<p>Mr. Hopkins showed the Community Development Committee the current elevator lift located near the gymnasium in Spaulding High School. He explained that there is another elevator located within the building but that it does not provide access to the same levels.</p> <p>Mr. Bickford explained that the current elevator lift dates back to 1993 and that it is becoming difficult and expensive to obtain replacement parts for the lift. In addition, he mentioned that there is a relatively low weight limit for the lift and, when the lift is replaced, it will be replaced with a lift with a higher weight limit.</p> <p>Councilor Keans suggested that Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Bickford view the new elevator lift installed at East Rochester School.</p> <p>The Community Development Committee and staff relocated upstairs, to view the music rooms to which the current elevator lift provides access. Councilor Lauterborn asked if the lift is the only way to reach the music wing of the building, and Mr. Hopkins confirmed that it is.</p> <p>Councilor Gray explained that the elevator lift is a better fit with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program than the School Department's other request for funding to lay down new sod on its athletic fields. Councilor Lauterborn asked whether the general community can have access to the school athletic fields. Councilor Gray and Mr. Hopkins stated that the general community can have access at certain times, sometimes with an associated fee.</p> <p>Councilor Gray asked about the rooms below the music rooms, and Mr.</p>
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	<p>Hopkins and Mr. Bickford stated that the Special Education classrooms are located directly below. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Bickford also mentioned that the school cafeteria is located on the first floor of the building.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked about the cost of the proposed elevator lift replacement. Mr. Bickford and Mr. Long stated that the cost would be about \$35,000. Councilor Collins and Councilor Lauterborn asked whether there is sufficient CDBG facilities funding to cover this proposed project. Mr. Long stated that there is sufficient funding and that the proposed project has been included in the draft FY 2015-2016 budget.</p> <p>Councilor Collins asked whether the School Department has money in its budget to install a new elevator lift if the Department does not receive CDBG funding. Mr. Hopkins stated that the School Department has budgeted for the elevator lift replacement in the circumstance of the Department not receiving CDBG funding.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked about the project construction process. Mr. Bickford answered that, once a specific elevator model is selected, the project would be put out to bid. Councilor Gray and Mr. Long commented that federal Davis-Bacon wage rates would be required for the project.</p>
Other Business	<p>Councilor Gray mentioned the possibility of a CDBG-funded facilities project at the Rochester Public Library to replace the library's window blinds and shades with more child-safe window coverings.</p>
Public Input	<p>There was no public input.</p>

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Lauterborn and seconded by Councilor Bogan. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Next Meeting – MARCH 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall
Topics – Five Year Consolidated Action Plan, CDBG Grant Applications