

**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2012
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

DISCUSSION:

1. Fire Code Plans of action, fire code enforcement and other related code issues.
(Chief Glenn Prescott)
2. Guardian – CDBG Grant Funding - Corbett Alday

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

NOTE: Any party desiring a verbatim record of the proceedings of this hearing for the purpose of appeal is advised to make private arrangements therefore.

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May 24, 2012

Ms. Judi Jankosky, Acting City Manager
City of Arcadia
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Dear Ms. Jankosky,

At the request of Chief Glenn Prescott, we are requesting permission for the Chief and the Inspector's to be placed on the city commission agenda at your earliest convenience to discuss a plan of action in handling fire code plans of action, fire code enforcement and or other code issues.

As you are well aware, the many parts of the city have limited to no records of inspections been having done over many years. As you, Juanita, and I have discussed, at least 2 or more code cycles of the fire code have come and gone, many with substantial changes.

In order to keep the city commissioners up to speed on how we will be handling the inspection process, and be available to answer questions of the commissioners, we would appreciate your having the city clerk place us on your agenda, for either a board meeting or a work-shop.

Please notify our offices of a date of the meeting if your honorable board would be available to have us address them.

Respectfully,

Richard W. Sudol
Fire Inspector II

cc: Chief Glenn Prescott
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FLORIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
REGULAR CATEGORY
(HOUSING REHABILITATION, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
OR COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION)

PRELIMINARY SCORING COMPARISON – CITY OF ARCADIA

The City is eligible to receive one Regular Category CDBG 2012 application for \$700,000: **Either Neighborhood Revitalization or Housing Rehabilitation or Commercial Revitalization** may be funded at one time. The City may have one of these open at a time. With the current grant closing by August 15, 2012 this opens the door for the City to apply September 30, 2012 for a new grant.

- a. **Neighborhood Revitalization (NR)** - (water, sewer, roads, storm, paving, etc. in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods/LMI). Assuming the maximum points for LMI benefit and using water main repairs, the City can achieve a score of 630-670. This has funded in the past and is worth considering. However, this option requires some expenditure and extra work. The plans and specs for permit must be engineering and submitted with the application September 30, 2012. Also, income surveys of the houses in the area of the work are required. Some coordination is required and working with the citizens. About 80-100 LMI homes are needed to make a grant that is competitive in terms of benefit. 'Readiness' (as it is called) is 100 points. If plans and specs cannot be completed by September 30, 2012, the application needs to be planned for a future cycle while engineering is completed. Also, easements and right away need to be verified for any water main work in such an example. Those can also cause delays since we must certify we have all easements or right away for the work in the application.
- b. **Housing Rehabilitation (HR)** - (housing rehabilitation for code, safety, wind load with priority to veterans, VLI, elderly, disability, green improvements, etc). HR CDBG does not require surveys. HR does not require plans and specs. A new Housing Assistance Plan will be required, but Guardian can provide that. Scores between 690 and 720 depending upon; the number of minority City employees, adopting an updated HAP, etc. This is a strong application based on last year's scores and does not require engineer plans to fund. Might be good to consider while design is under way on a neighborhood project for the next cycle.
- c. **Commercial Revitalization (CR)** - (downtown sidewalks, lighting, parking, and related activities). Without a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and TIF established, a commercial/downtown application will not be competitive. It cost well over 100 points without these in place. A CRA, TIF and downtown architectural standards should be planned for the future if CR grants are to be considered. Census is used, not surveys. Readiness points apply as well.



CITY OF ARCADIA
CDBG REGULAR CATEGORY (HR/NR/CR)

PRELIMINARY MILESTONES:

1. JUNE 5TH - MOTION TO APPROVE PURSUING 2012 CDBG APPLICATION AND GRANT SERVICES
2. JUNE 19TH - PUBLIC HEARING – LET PUBLIC HEAR THE OPTIONS
3. JUNE 2012 - MEET W/ ENGINEERS TO REVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS
4. JUNE/JULY 2012 - SURVEYS DOOR TO DOOR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD OPTION IF FEASIBLE
5. JULY/AUGUST 2012 - ENGINEER TO DEVELOP MAPS, PLANS, SPECS IF FEASIBLE
6. JULY/AUGUST 2012- DRAFT APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD AND/OR HOUSING REHAB
OPTIONS
7. JULY 10, 2012 - CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING (RECOMMEND BEST OPTION)
8. AUGUST 7TH - 2ND PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE
APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED FORMS
9. SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 - SUBMIT FINAL CDBG HR OR NR APPLICATION TO STATE WHICH
INCLUDES PLANS AND SPECS AND SURVEYS IF NR

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