

# Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**2nd floor Conference Room - Central Permit Facility  
500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL**

**Housing and Community Development Commission**

**1. ROLL CALL**

*Vice-Chairman Pedersen called the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.*

*Guests: Edward Beckstrom and Gregorio Resendiz of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois; Chris Bouchard of HRMG; Mary Ellen Saunders of ElderCARE@ChristChurch; Mark Ingram and Linda Berkowitz of Glenkirk; Ben Richards of Youth Conservation Corps; Suzanne Christensen of PADS Lake County; Victoria Raier and Daniel Knefley of Lambs Farm; Mary Ellen Tamasy of Lake County Residential Development Corporation; Sonolito Bronson of the City of Zion; Frank Koehler of the City of North Chicago; and Laura Hamilton of the City of Waukegan*  
*Staff: Jodi Gingiss, Brenda O'Connell, Monika Bobo, Eric Foote, Sarah Walsh and Laura Walley*

**Present** 13 - Karl Molek, Harriet Rosenthal, Carol Calabresa, Linda Pedersen, Steve Carlson, Mary Cunningham, Virginia Mulligan, Sandra Hart, Diane Hewitt, Dan Venturi, Janet Swartz, Joel Sikes and Michael Meehan

**Excused** 3 - Ray Rose, Glenn Swanson and Joe Mancino

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1**

Approval of the January 13, 2016 Minutes

**Attachments:** [1.13.16 Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal, to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 10 - Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz and Commissioner Meehan

**Not Present** 3 - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Hart and Commissioner Sikes

**3. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

*Vice-Chairman Pedersen welcomed Commissioner Meehan to the HCDC, saying that she looked forward to working with him. She then announced that Commissioner Russell had resigned from the HCDC due to health reasons.*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (items not on the agenda)**

*Ms. Mary Ellen Saunders, recently retired from ElderCARE@ChristChurch, thanked the HCDC and the Lake County Board for their work towards the improvement of life for the citizens of Lake County. The support for the community's senior citizens was evident through the many years of funding awards for ElderCARE. She then spoke of the services provided by the agency and how the awards had positively affected the recipients of those services.*

*Commissioner Calabresa thanked Ms. Saunders for her years of service as a spokesperson for ElderCARE, as she had provided valuable information to the HCDC to help with the application review process.*

*Commissioner Cunningham spoke about the good work provided by ElderCARE and thanked Ms. Saunders for her participation in those services.*

*Commissioner Carlson thanked Ms. Saunders for her work with the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Service Board.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1**

Results of the January 27, 2016 Point-in-Time Homeless Count

*Presented by Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator*

*Commissioner Cunningham spoke about helping find homeless persons during the Point-in-Time Count and the places that were visited during the Count.*

**6.2**

Presentation on the 2016 Housing & Community Development Action Plan

*Presented by Jodi Gingiss, Community Development Administrator; Brenda O'Connell, Continuum of Care Coordinator; Monika Bobo, Affordable Housing Planner; and Eric Foote, Planner*

**6.3**

PUBLIC HEARING - LAKE COUNTY CONSORTIUM 2016 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

*Motion: To open the Public Hearing at 4:25 p.m.*

*Motion Made By: Daniel Venturi*

*Motion 2nd By: Janet Swartz*

*Motion approved*

*Mr. Mark Ingram, of Glenkirk, thanked the HCDC for its continued support of his agency and people with disabilities. The proposed grant funds will be used to rehabilitate a group home to make it more accessible, thus increasing the independence of the agency's clients who will reside there.*

*Mr. Edward Beckstrom, of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois, presented information on the services provided by the agency and on the number of households assisted through its programs. He thanked the HCDC for its support of the agency and then introduced Mr. Gregorio Resendiz, who also expressed appreciation of the HCDC's funding recommendation. Mr. Beckstrom explained that Mr. Resendiz*

*provides assistance to the residents of Lake County,*

*Ms. Sonolito Bronson, of the City of Zion, thanked the Commission for the funding recommendations to help demolish unsafe buildings, improve the sidewalks in the business districts and provide ADA-compliant playground equipment for the City's children. The recommended funds will serve as a vital piece in Zion's efforts to improve the lives of its residents and also improve its business districts.*

*Mr. Frank Koehler, of the City of North Chicago, introduced himself to the HCDC, stating that he was the City's Interim Economic Development and Community Development Director and that he looked forward to working with the Commission.*

*Mr. Ben Richards, of Youth Conservation Corps, thanked the HCDC for its funding recommendation and then provided information about his agency's programs to help Lake County's youth.*

*Vice-Chairman thanked the organizations for all of the work that they perform for the County and its residents.*

*Motion: To close the Public Hearing at 4:32 p.m.*

*Motion Made By: Janet Swartz*

*Motion 2nd By: Mary Cunningham*

*Motion approved*

**6.4**

Joint resolution approving the 2016 Housing & Community Development Annual Action Plan and authorizing the execution of all necessary correspondence to distribute this Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to implement this Plan.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Mulligan, to approve the Joint Resolution approving the 2016 Annual Action Plan and authorize the execution of all necessary correspondence to distribute the Plan to HUD and to implement the Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 13 -** Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan

**6.5**

Joint resolution authorizing grant awards from the 2016 Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP)

**Attachments:** [PY2016 LCAHP ONLY.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to approve the Joint Resolution authorizing grant awards for the 2016 Lake County Affordable Housing Program. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 13** - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan

6.6

Goal #9 Create Low/Mod Income Jobs: 2017 to 2019 Recommendation

**Attachments:** [Goal9\\_2015\\_Program\\_Proposal.pdf](#)  
[Goal9\\_2016\\_Pilot\\_Program\\_Proposal.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan, seconded by Commissioner Hewitt, to approve the inclusion of Goal #9 within the 2017 Public Improvements application. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 13** - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan

6.7

Joint resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lake County, IL and the Village of Lake Villa, a recommended sub-recipient of 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which authorizes the sub-recipient to incur costs prior to the 2016 CDBG award to Lake County by U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

**Attachments:** [Lake Villa MOU.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, to approve the Joint Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake County and the Village of Lake Villa. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 12** - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan

**Abstain 1** - Commissioner Venturi

6.8

Joint resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lake County, IL and the Little City Foundation, a recommended sub-recipient of 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which authorizes the sub-recipients to incur costs prior to the 2016 CDBG award to Lake County by U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

**Attachments:** [Little City MOU.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Venturi, seconded by Commissioner Mulligan, to approve the Joint Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake County and the Little City Foundation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 13** - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

*Jodi Gingiss thanked the Commission for its work on the 2016 Annual Action Plan and said that she looked forward to the efforts toward completion of the recommended projects. This Action Plan signals the second year of the Five-year Consolidated Plan, so she asked the Commission to begin considering any tactical changes that might be needed during the Consolidated Plan's remaining three years, in order to make a greater impact on the key areas of the Consolidated Plan. These areas are Affordable Housing, Community Revitalization and addressing the Behavioral Health needs of Lake County. Any changes determined necessary by the HCDC for the 2017 application process will be discussed during along with a public hearing at the June 15, 2106 meeting.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Venturi, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye 13** - Commissioner Molek, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Calabresa, Vice-Chairman Pedersen, Ex-Officio Member Carlson, Commissioner Cunningham, Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Hewitt, Commissioner Venturi, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Sikes and Commissioner Meehan