

MINUTES/URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 15, 1998 - 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Beach, Polovitz.

2. Matter of 1998 beautification projects.

Curt Siewert reported that the 1998 beautification funds are in the budget and requested that they start process to allocate funding for projects - to advertise that funds available, notify Chamber committee and request application from eligible applicants. Mr. Siewert reported that the city council could allocate some funds if thought project a priority. He stated he will review past funds, projects that will not be done and funds de-obligated (ie., lighting walk bridge, \$18,500); and thought there should be around \$100,000, some from last year that was obligated but not spent. \$72,000 in this year's budget), will request larger contingency this year. Committee asked Mr. Siewert to frame up a budget and bring to committee.

3. Matter of funding banners for downtown business district.

Mr. Siewert reported that he attended the DDC meeting last week and the matter of downtown summer banners came up, and after discussion it was suggested that the CBD submit an application to use beautification funds to purchase the summer banners. Brenda Lukkason, CBD, stated she has application and picture of banners, need \$5500 for the banners. It was noted that they had approved these last year. Moved by Polovitz and Beach to recommend approval of the purchase of summer banners in amount up to \$5500, with monies from Beautification Funds. Motion carried. (comm. only)

1. Matter of request from Tim Lamb, Lamb Properties, for supple--
mental Rental Rehab Program loan.

Terry Hanson, Urban Development, reported that Mr. Lamb wants to withdraw his request to committee and council; that there are funds remaining from Rental Rehab project and thinks City should wait and give staff some time to see what funds available and which projects aren't going to be done, and bring back to the committee proposal on how these funds could be used or whether they should be continued in Rental Rehab. He stated they could address situation such as Mr. Lamb's at that time but not on individual basis, that maybe other projects that were not funded with enough dollars to finish project could be assisted, maybe open up to another application process, or City might want to withdraw remaining funds. He stated that staff should go back and contact existing

applicants, determine how much funds used and how much available and bring staff recommendations back to committee.

Mr. Siewert reported that they did open this up for another month ending March 31 and received more applications, and at that time sent out letters to existing applicants that have not spent any money and asked them to either submit bills or send schedule of work, if not use all money and if not heard by April 10, were

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going to recommend de-obligation of funds, and will come in with recommendation in two weeks.

Beach stated it might be mood of council and tri-chairs that they don't have to spend all of the money on any given program and looking for opportunities to get more in for flood mitigation. Committee asked that they find out where at in program; Mr. Siewert stated there's perhaps \$1 million left. Beach stated that he would caution that this is not to raise anyone's false hopes. Mr. Hanson stated that Mr. Lamb does not want to bring this application through singly but if find an area where fund some projects additionally.

Mr. Lamb stated he didn't want to start big single action but that there are probably other people in same situation and are asking that they go back and look at this, not a huge amount of money they are considering. Mr. Hanson stated he was not suggested that they expand program but give committee/council areas where if want to continue rental rehab program, these are areas go back and look at.

Held in committee.

Moved by Polovitz and Beach to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Alice Fontaine

City Clerk

Dated: 4/15/98.