

Town of Pomona Park

Town Council Workshop Minutes – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Date: 03/31/2025

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Chambers

1. Call to Order

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Anthony Cuevas at -5:31pm

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Anthony Cuevas

Mayor Pro Tem CarrieAnn Evans

Council Member Mark Swanson

Council Member Lynda Linkswiler(absent)

Council Member Pat Mead(absent)

Council Member Alisha Kuleski

Council Member Donna Cooney

Staff Present:

Town Clerk Andrea Almeida

Grant Consultant Jeffrey Winters

Mike Tibble and John Petrohovich with Mittauer and Associates

3. Purpose of Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and review the Town's eligibility, priorities, and project proposals related to the upcoming application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

4. Presentation from Mittauer and Associates-

John explained that this is a follow up to a workshop that was held almost a year ago.

He explained that some changes in legislation that will change some of the projects planned for the future of the town. John reviewed the past successful projects. John reviewed the water system improvements are the most current infrastructure needs of the town. You must have a water system before you can have a septic to sewer project. The second application for the SCOP grants has been submitted for the town. John reviewed the Basin Management Action Plan and the new house bills that will affect the towns projects. The Town sits inside the lower St Johns River Main Stem B Map. In the future it is estimated that the Town will have a limit on the nutrients. House Bill 1379 makes it for any lots on 1 acre or less will require an enhanced nutrient reducing on-site sewage treatment and disposal system. John explained the process since the last workshop of working with FGUA to discuss purchasing the system. Over 50 % of the Town is served by FGUA and is not the best service. It took almost a year to be in contact with them. FGUA is actively working on a cost estimate to purchase the plant. Mittauer is willing to continue working with the Town to assist with the acquisition of the plant. This is still a way out. The funding opportunities are available depending on what phase the project is at will depend on the cost to the Town. It would be the design phase then some time before the construction phase. Councilman Swanson asked about the cost when a person sells a piece of property it's going to cost them \$15,000-\$50,000. Councilman Swanson asked about ARPA funds and Town Clerk Andrea explained that funds have already been used on Town projects. Martha Mann stated that with the property tax reduction the Town should look very closely at these projects. Councilwoman Kuleski asked about comparable to recoup the cost of the water plant. A discussion was had about the quality of water. Along with other concerns from the residents.

Grant Consultant

The grant consultant, Jeff Winters provided an overview of the CDBG program, including eligible activities, application deadlines, and the maximum funding amount available.

Topics covered: 2023-2024 CDBG program

A draft application has been prepared. This cycle a waiver has been issued and the funding has been doubled. \$40 million is available. This project is completely separate from the FGUA water project. If the council would like to proceed with this CDBG application. Jeff is willing to prepare the application at no cost to the town. All that he ask is that when we open the RFQ to take his company into consideration. A CATF would need to be created to allow for more points. The Town would be wise to look at every possible process to earn

more points for this grant because of every city being able to apply. A leverage commitment would be best of \$25,000 to earn 25 more points. This funding could be used on engineering or a project. Readiness to proceed, will earn more points, this means having the plans ready to go out to bid, this will earn us 50 more points. The data is based on a survey that was created just under 5 years ago and we are maximizing points. Councilman Swanson asked about the point system. Suggested to pass a resolution to commit the funding if awarded. Total is 1000 points right now the town is sitting around 612. The \$25,000 could be in kind services. Permit applications submitted by May 2.

Mike from Mittauer explained how the last CDBG had multiple projects in the plans that were not constructed. Exercise trail with 6 equipment, picnic shelter, bathrooms community center, sidewalk Broward, beach bathrooms. Martha Mann asked if all plans had to be submitted at one time you can't add projects without plans. Larry Flaman asked about the bathrooms at the beach. Councilwoman Kuleski asked about cost estimates.

Planning purposes for the next steps- submit first hearing notice and CATF notice, April 5 notice. The meeting will be the 10th and the 11th the next hearing notice. The next meetings will be 21-24.

Councilman Swanson motioned to adjourn 6:42pm.



Andrea

Anthony