

Date: Tue 4/9/2024 12:59 PM

From:

Lisa Arceneaux

Hi,

Some ideas I have for spending the CDBG funds are:

1. Put aside some funding each year to restore the old Baptist church on MLK next to the Cephas house.
2. Restore the old jail building near the Calaboose.
3. Restore the building behind Dunbar that is currently being used for storage. It was part of the old school
4. Maintain the green markings and paint markings on the street for the new bike lanes on NLBJ and Guadalupe. Also on Cheatham Steet and other downtown and areas with new bike lanes.
5. Add a dog park on the east side of town.
6. Add money to improve the bottom of the large city owned detention pond being developed into a greenspace by Cottonwood Creek Subdivision. Grade and add grass that might be suitable for a soccer field like the detention pond for Blanco River Village on Hwy 21.

These are ideas that of course can't all be funded, but maybe one of them could be.

Thanks

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Carrie Jones signed up to speak during Citizens to be Heard. She stated that San Marcos does not have a facility or proper resources for adults with special needs. She has an adult son that she must take to other cities for services. She commented that San Antonio and New Braunfels had better resources and more funding. At one time, there was a facility in San Marcos that has now closed. When it was open, Carrie would take her son there and commented on how dilapidated the building was. There needs to be a place to go or proper transportation to take people to other cities with services.

Adam Holt signed up to speak during Citizens to be Heard. He stated his support of CDBG funding and that his agency had applied as a CDBG public service subrecipient. He stated that there are little to no services for people with substance dependency issues because San Marcos is a small town. He noted that the 2024 Point In Time Count showed an increase in homelessness.

Zachariah Al-Natoor signed up to speak during Citizens to be Heard regarding police response during mental health issue calls. He stated that the City needs more mental health services; training for professionals to respond adequately to emergency calls and for citizens to receive resources and treatment.

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:43 PM

From: Steve and Sue Ann Floyd

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to comment on the proposed funding to Southside Community Center from the CDBG. As a board member of Southside Community Center, I know the importance of our grant request and the clear and urgent need to fully fund the \$35,000 that was requested in our grant proposal. Although the \$12,000 that City Council has recommended be allotted to SSCC would certainly be appreciated, further funding would allow the increasing number of individuals and families in crisis situations to receive immediate relief for assistance with emergency shelter, food vouchers, utility and rental assistance as well as longer term supportive services such as desperately needed mental health counseling, job readiness training, financial literacy workshops and access to healthcare resources. Although SSCC does receive funding from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and Partners with the Hays County Food Bank and large amount of funding is dependent on private donations and the CDBG would help provide more services. Please consider increasing the amount of money allotted to SSCC from the CDBG.

Thank you for your consideration, Sue Ann Harrison-Floyd

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Date: July 8, 2024

From: Eric West

As you all know who I am, I worked with the City for many years, my name is Eric West. I know we haven't always seen eye to eye and that I've yelled out of frustration, but we need to put that in the past and move forward. Thorpe Lane may be your most important project and its important to look at this. The lane has not been updated since more than I've lived here, and I've been here more than 10 years. I hope you are taking the pleas of handicapped public that lives here next to Thorpe Lane. I am trying to keep the upset handicap public that lives here from turning into an adversarial situation. That's why I feel that Thorpe Lane is a very important project to put the money into and will help many citizens of the public. These citizens that I'm referring to live here in San Marcos, on Thorpe Lane. The main handicap living areas for low-income people are off Thorpe Lane—the same people that cannot afford a lawyer to sue for improvements. I know that San Marcos cares about the handicap community, but they need to show it by improving sidewalks from the complaints. Here you have an opportunity to do better. I know that you heard my voice many times, but its not just my voice that you should hear, it's the voices of those silent that keep to themselves because they are a closed community. I know that you want them to talk to you, and I want to bridge that gap. If you want the handicap community to come to meetings and speak up, we need to do Thorpe Lane to show them that we take their concerns seriously. I have stopped the yelling and I'm calmy asking please. Let's get the funding for Thorpe Lane so we can help the handicap community here and be in a positive light.

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