



# Milwaukee County

County Courthouse  
901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

## Meeting Minutes Economic and Community Development Committee

*Chairperson Supervisor Lynne DeBruin*  
*Clerk: Linda K. Durham, 278-4225*  
*Research Analyst: Glenn Bultman, 278-5276*

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Monday, July 18, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 201B

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### Call To Order

**Present** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

### APPOINTMENT - 1

- 1 [11-313](#) From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Brian Taffora to the position of Director of Economic Development for Milwaukee County.

**Attachments:** [REPORT](#)  
[ATTACHMENT](#)  
[Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Tia Tohorst, Director, Legislative Affairs, County Executive's Office  
Brian Taffora, Appointee

**A motion was made by Supervisor Lipscomb Sr. that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

### PUBLIC HEARING - 1

- 2 [INF 11-335](#) Public Hearing for Housing and Community Development needs for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

**Attachments:** [ATTACHMENT](#)  
[Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Kathleen Hart, Greendale Historical Society

**This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**

## HOUSING - 4

- 3      [INF 11-313](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding a proposed timetable for the Milwaukee County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2012 program year funds. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [REPORT](#)  
                          [ATTACHMENT](#)  
                          [Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**  
Geri Lyday, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Damon Dorsey, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Housing Division, DHHS

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 4      [INF 11-339](#)      From Acting Corporation Counsel and County Board staff, response to referral from Economic and Community Development Committee regarding allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [ATTACHMENT 1](#)  
                          [ATTACHMENT 2](#)  
                          [Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**  
Glenn Bultman, Research Analyst, County Board  
Geri Lyday, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Damon Dorsey, Housing Division, Department of Health and Human Services

A motion was made by Supervisor Lipscomb Sr. that this Informational Report be **REFERRED** back to the Department and to Corporation Counsel to provide answers to legal questions raised by the Committee regarding Milwaukee County imposing a policy and presenting it to the ICC relative to restricting River Hills or any other municipality from selling their CDBG funds and also to prevent them from continuing to get CDBG funding if they have not expended their prior year's CDBG funds. Also the Committee expressed a need to know what the timeline is ASAP..

The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

- 5      [11-325](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to provide HOME funds to Jewish Family Services to construct housing for low-income seniors located at about W. Bradley Road and N. Sherman Blvd.

**Attachments:**      [REPORT](#)  
                                  [RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [ATTACHMENT](#)  
                                  [Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Gerri Lyday, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Gary Bottoni, Housing Division, Department of Health and Human Services  
Sylvan Leabman, Jewish Family Services  
Toby Liber, Executive Director, Jewish Family Services Housing, Inc.  
Steve Schnoll, General Capital Group

The Committee requested that the department provide a brief review of how much Milwaukee County contributed to this type of project in the past. They also requested that a due diligence report be provided on this project before Board Day (July 28, 2011)

A motion was made by Supervisor Lipscomb Sr. that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

- 6      [11-348](#)      From the Capital Finance Manager, recommending approval of the \$272,000 grant from Milwaukee County's Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP) for the Highland Commons Project in West Allis to the Milwaukee Center for Independence to provide fifty permanent supportive housing units for Milwaukee County Behavioral Health clients. **(Referred to the Committees on Economic and Community Development, Health and Human Needs, and Finance and Audit.)**

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                                  [RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [FISCAL NOTE](#)  
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                                  [Audio HHN 07/20/11](#)  
                                  [Audio F&A 07/21/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**  
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**Pam Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, Department of Administrative Services**  
**Geri Lyday, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Jim Mathey, Housing Program Manager, DHHS**  
**Erich Schwaker, Cardinal Capital Management**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Weishan that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

### **REAL ESTATE - 3**

- 7      [INF 11-320](#)      From the Manager of Real Estate Services, DTPW, reporting on the status of 2011 excess property sales. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [REPORT](#)  
                                  [ATTACHMENT](#)  
                                  [Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**  
**Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services**

**This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 8      [11-347](#)      From the Manager of Real Estate Services, DTPW, offer to purchase on a County-owned single-family house located at 3231 South 122nd Street in the City of West Allis, Wisconsin.

**Attachments:**      [REPORT](#)  
                                  [RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                  [ATTACHMENT](#)  
                                  [Audio ECD 7/18/11](#)

**APPEARANCE(S):**  
**Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services**  
**Gerald Baker, Real Estate Services**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Noorani**  
**Gerald DeKlotz, Real Estate Broker**

**This Action Report was RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

- 9      [11-329](#)      From the Manager of Real Estate Services, DTPW, a request from the Village of Bayside, Wisconsin to acquire a vacant county-owned parcel located at 8470 North Fielding Road.

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                                  [RESOLUTION](#)  
                                  [FISCAL NOTE](#)  
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**APPEARANCE(S):**  
**Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Lipscomb Sr. that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

## COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS - 1

- 10     [INF 11-322](#)     From the Director, Community Business Development Partners, informational monthly update on departmental waivers.  
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**Attachments:**     [REPORT](#)  
                              [ATTACHMENT](#)  
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**APPEARANCE:**  
Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

## Adjournment

**Length of Meeting: 9:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Linda K. Durham**  
**Committee Clerk**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for this Committee is September 19, 2011.  
All items must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on September 6, 2011.