

**MINUTES
LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

October 5, 2009

Minutes are not a verbatim transcription, but rather an attempt to capture the intent of the speaker by the City Clerk.

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Lakewood Civic Center, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

Those present were: Mayor Bob Murphy, Presiding

Diana Allen
Doug Anderson
Cindy Baroway
Sue King
Debbie Koop
Ed Peterson
Tom Quinn
Vicki Stack

Absent: Karen Kellen
Adam Paul

Staff in attendance: Kathy Hodgson, City Manager
Paul Kennebeck, Deputy City Attorney

Full and timely notice of this Study Session had been given and a quorum was present.

**ITEM 3 – PRESENTATION – MAYOR'S COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE FOR
CENSUS 2010**

Mayor Murphy said the census count is constitutionally mandated to be done every 10 years. It provides vital population and demographic information needed for planning and impacts our representation in congress. Also, the census determines how much funding a city receives from the Federal Government. He formed a Citizens' Complete Count Committee.

Marisa Vasquez, Chair, Citizens' Complete Count Committee, introduced members of the committee. She talked about the 2010 Census and why it is important to the City of Lakewood. The census determines the amount of funding to the City from federal

programs for such items as health care services, Title 1 schools, Headstart, housing, elderly and veterans programs.

She noted that one goal of the 2010 Census is to obtain and ensure an accurate count of every resident in the City of Lakewood. Another goal is to make sure there is census confidentiality.

Citizens can help by spreading the word about the 2010 census and filling out forms that will arrive in the mail in March 2010. The forms should be completed and returned in April 2010. Residents can obtain more information by visiting www.2010census.gov.

ITEM 4 – PRESENTATION – CDBG/HOME ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Amy Deknikker, Associate Planner, City of Lakewood, manages the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. She gave an overview of Federal Block Grants noting that they are administered by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds to Lakewood are managed by the City's Department of Planning and Public Works with the purpose of building viable communities and neighborhood revitalization. She gave an outline of project funding level action plan, rules and regulations regarding CDBG funds, and national objectives. Said objectives are to benefit low and moderate income level persons and/or eliminate slum and blight or address an urgent community need, e.g., natural disasters.

She reviewed federal program rules and mentioned Lakewood's 2008-2012 Comprehensive Plan which guides both CDBG and HOME programs. She showed photographs of past CDBG, HOME projects, Supportive Services programs and Community Development Programs.

In speaking about the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Plan (NRS), she noted that it is Lakewood's new approach to addressing community needs within a particular area. It will be presented to HUD along with the 2010 One-Year Action Plan. The NRS will allow the City of Lakewood to use CDBG funds more flexibly to address and identify needs more comprehensively. NRS funds are to begin in January 2010 and will expire in December 2012.

She briefly discussed and reviewed the One-Year Action Plan and strategy planned for neighborhood appearances, public facilities, economic development and supportive services.

She asked City Council to endorse the 2010 One-Year Plan and the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Plan and direct staff to prepare a resolution for a future City Council meeting.

A question and answer session ensued.

It was noted that the best way to find out about programs discussed is to contact Amy DeKnikker at amydek@lakewood.org.

The consensus of Council members present was to move the item forward to Council's agenda for October 26, 2009.

ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION – NEW HEAD START FACILITY

Bruce Peoples, Planning and Construction Manager, Community Resources, gave a brief update on the planning, design and scheduled construction of the new Head Start facility planned for Northeast Lakewood to be located at 6201 W. 11th Avenue. He also introduced other members of the Head Start Project Team: *Sharon Keith-Zamora*, Community Resources Manager, Family Services; *John Paliga*, Landscape Architect; *Rick Baldessari*, Construction Administrator; *Odell Architects*, and *Golden Triangle*, Contractor.

Sharon Keith-Zamora, Community Resources Manager, Family Services, gave the history and overview of the project, its goals, site layout, and why this area of the City was chosen. She noted that the target date to begin is the end of October 2009 but no later than November 15, 2009. Plans are to have the facility ready for use in August 2010.

Primary funding for this project comes from federal dollars. Approximately 25% is local matching from a variety of sources.

John Paliga, Landscape Architect, reviewed highlights and showed pictures of the project.

A question and answer session ensued, with Ms. Keith-Zamora noting that the facility would be able to serve 60 students, and will have approximately four teachers and one family support specialist. A nurse and nutritionist will rotate from this facility to others within the City. There is a Head Start facility in each Ward in Lakewood to serve families throughout the City. She mentioned that the Head Start program goes beyond the regular classroom guidelines, which is one reason why it is not a part of the R-1 School District. Also, depending on funding, there may be plans to expand the facility.

ITEM 6 – OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ITEM 7 – REPORTS

Mayor Murphy and City Council Members reported their attendance at previous meetings and events and announced upcoming neighborhood meetings and events.

ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon Blackstock, Acting City Clerk