

## CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting – April 6, 2023

5:30 p.m. Conference Room 1

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City of Portage Special Human Services Board meeting of April 6, 2023, was called to order by Monica Lloyd at 5:31 p.m. in Conference Room 1, Portage City Hall, 7900 S. Westnedge Avenue, Portage MI.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Brooke Kolodziejczyk, Vice Chair Jihan Young, Effie Kokkinos, John Dillworth, Justin Phan, Chelsea Huber, Sue Beasley, Bridget Lane.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chris Buckley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Perry

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of March 2, 2023 were approved by a motion made by John Dillworth and supported by Jihan Young. The motion was unanimously approved, 8-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CDBG Public Hearing for the FY23-24 Annual Action Plan.** Monica Lloyd made a motion to open the public hearing to receive comments on the FY23-24 Annual Action Plan for use of CDBG monies during the time from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, supported by Chelsea Huber. Tina Perry explained the differences in funding from the current year included a lower allocation from HUD and less loan repayments for a \$79,890 budget reduction.


Chris Buckley, director of the Portage Community Center commented that the reduction will significantly impact the utility assistance program. They will be serving much fewer people; from approximately 200 to only 65 or 70 with the allocation from the General Fund. Chris commented that Portage Community Center is proactive through is greatly concerned with the CDBG cut.

Jihan Young made a motion to close the Public Hearing after indicating that comments can be received until May 6, 2023. Justin Phan supported the motion and it unanimously passed 8-0.

**Fair Housing month.** In support of April being Fair Housing Month, a representative from the Center of Fair Housing of Southwest Michigan had planned to attend the April 6 regular HSB meeting to provide an update of current affairs of Fair Housing, however due to an illness, the presentation is postponed until the May 4, 2023 HSB Meeting. Following the presentation, the HSB will begin review of the HSB application to receive requests for funding for CDBG and City of Portage General Funds for FY24-25.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn was made by John Dillworth, supported by Jihan Young and unanimously supported. 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Perry   
Neighborhood and Housing Specialist  
Community Development, City of Portage