

## APPROVED Minutes

### Reinventing Government Committee Wednesday, December 12, 2012 7:30 pm

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 130 by Trustee Hedges.

Present: Trustee Hedges, Trustee Salzman, Trustee Tucker.

Also in attendance: Interim Manager Cara Pavlicek, Business Services Manager Daly and Housing Programs Manager Grossman.

#### **II. Minutes**

Trustee Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2012. Seconded by Trustee Salzman. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

##### a. Work Plan

Evaluation of *Partners* was identified as the primary item for the coming year in preparation for the next fiscal year review.

##### b. Partners

As a follow up to discussions, Interim Manager Pavlicek addressed the alignment of funding Partner Agencies with Board Goals in regards to FY13 budget authorization, noting that since the goals are broad, there is alignment.

Housing Programs Manager Grossman reviewed the budget authorization related to the Public Housing Authority housing choice vouchers (formerly known as Section 8 certificates). In FY13, evaluation of multi-family inspection programs between the Village and the Housing Authority will be discussed. Trustee Hedges noted the potential for efficiencies with inspection coordination.

In regards to the Residence Corporation, Grossman noted the small condo board program and the need to determine if more condos could be served with additional funding.

The Housing Center was additionally discussed and Grossman discussed the data collection emphasis especially the review of data related to rental on a block by block basis to establish counseling center locations and goals for the number of new tenants to counsel. Trustee Salzman discussed the need to line up data with the goals and evaluate side by side. Pavlicek offered that multi-year commitments could potentially be easier to manage long term goal alignment. Trustees Hedges stated multi-year contracts for some or all may be a good idea.

Business Services Manager Daly reviewed the Arts Council contract including grants to students and the mini-mural program. Trustee Tucker asked if there should be any correlation between membership on the Board of Directors and the Village's funding commitment. Trustee Salzman asked what level of duplicative efforts may be occurring with other organizations, such as the Art League. Daly noted that the Public Art Advisory Commission plan in 2013 to work on arts/cultural plan for community with Council to consider this question. Trustee Hedges asked what is their mission? For example, to foster art or to produce art?

In regards to the Visitors Bureau it was noted that the Bureau rents office space from the Village for \$1/year at 1118 Westgate. The Visitors Center and gift shop is housed at 1010 Lake Street. This property is privately rented and the Bureau is about to break even with Visitors Center and a profit may be possible in a few years.

It was noted that the Bureau does a lot out of region, internationally they don't do a lot however.

In regards to OPDC it was noted that 85% of funding is from Village. Village President is a member of the Board of Directors. OPDC is charged with recruitment by the Village. OPDC will advise the mission of the organization is to create wealth. It was discussed how this differs from the Village as we have a broader mission which is very focused on what type of recruitment is the highest and best use. Trustee Hedges noted that OPDC used to be a banker organization however there are no longer local bank owners in Oak Park. Daly noted the 2013 contract for services with OPDC is a new contract that will help the Village evaluate what is more effective going forward and 2013 will be critical in the ongoing analysis of this organization. Trustee Salzman stated that maybe it is the Village itself that has more and/or better means to take around the prospective development. Trustee Tucker asked how do we know these organizations are the right tool or is it the people in the organization?

It was noted that the Agreement with DTOP related to provision of services via the SSA has expired and a new agreement is necessary. Historically, it is a five year agreement. The SSA itself was renewed for 25 years in 2007.

- c. IRMA – the Committee asked for information on other similar sized cities/villages which use a pool for property and casualty insurance. Staff was to followup.

With no further business, at 9:03 p.m. Trustee Salzman made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Trustee Tucker. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.