



City of Lake Helen

Volusia County, Florida

Mayor Buddy Snowden
Vice Mayor Vernon J. Burton
Commissioner Tom Wilson
Commissioner Michael Woods
Commissioner Tura Schnebly

PUBLIC MEETING LAKE HELEN CITY COMMISSION April 14, 2016 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

Any individual wishing to speak before the City Commission regarding any item on the agenda must fill out and submit a BLUE speaker card to the Recording Secretary, be recognized by the Chair, and limit his/her remarks to three minutes unless otherwise directed by the City Commission. Any individual wishing to speak to the City Commission during the Public Forum portion of the agenda must fill out and submit a YELLOW speaker card to the Recording Secretary, be recognized by the Chair, and limit his/her remarks to three minutes unless otherwise directed by the City Commission. **The Public Forum portion of the agenda is reserved for citizens to address the City Commission regarding items/issues that are not on the agenda.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Snowden

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

1. LEGISLATIVE PRAYER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION:

Item 1 DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Item 2 PUBLIC FORUM:

Yellow Cards – For any individual wishing to speak to any issue not on the agenda.

Comments will be limited to three minutes unless otherwise directed by the City Commission.

Person wishing to speak must approach the front podium, give name and address.

Item 3 Solicitation of Public Input into the Development of the 2016/2017 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Annual Plan

Item 4 ADJOURNMENT

The City Commission may discuss other issues related to these matters or any other issues relating to City business or take action on any matters relating to City government at the aforementioned meeting. If any person decides to appeal any decision by the Lake Helen City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the above meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, including all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. To that end, such person will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. The City of Lake Helen does not provide this record. Individuals with disabilities needing to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City offices at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting date and time at (386) 228-2121.



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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

ITEM 3:

Solicitation of Public Input into the Development of the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Plan

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Public Input into the Development of the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Plan

SYNOPSIS: In May 2014, the City of Lake Helen signed a cooperation agreement with Volusia County regarding Community Development Block Grant with the purpose of undertaking essential activities under pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant program. The City authorized the County to include its population in the County's Community Development Block Grant and HOME application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, and 2017 appropriations.

1. Explanation of how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program works, with examples of qualifying projects

The CDBG program provides an excellent opportunity for communities to obtain funds for projects that they cannot otherwise afford. CDBG funds can also provide administrative support for local governments that may not have the staffing resources necessary to administer their projects. Examples of CDBG-funded projects include:

- Water and Sewer Improvements,
- Rehabilitation of Substandard Housing,
- Street and Sidewalk Improvements,
- Economic Development Activities that Create Jobs for Low-and Moderate-Income People,
- Downtown Revitalization, including Facade Improvements, Streetscaping, and Underground Utilities,
- Park Facilities and Community Centers, and
- Drainage / Stormwater Improvements.

Project Requirements: To be eligible for funding, an activity must meet at least one of the following National Objectives:

- Benefit to Low-and Moderate-Income Persons - at least 51 percent of the beneficiaries must be low-and moderate-income persons (total household income is at or below 80 percent of the area's median income),
- Elimination of Slum and Blight - eliminate conditions of slum or blight as defined by state law and identified by the unit of local government on a spot or area basis, or

2. Presentation on the need for the West New York Avenue project and why it is a good choice for the City's CDBG application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Allow Public Input into the Development of the 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen, Florida will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Lake Helen City Commission Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 327 South Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen, Florida. The purpose of this meeting will be to solicit input into the development of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan. The Annual Plan is prepared in order for the City to qualify for funding projects that can be implemented with areas of the City that are eligible for expenditure of Community Development Block Grant funds. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the public meeting and to provide input to the City Commission regarding desired/needed projects.

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