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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee
FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Manager
DATE: February 27, 2013
RE: **City Council Review of FY 2013 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Comments and North Point Childcare Center Request for Reconsideration for Funding.**

The Community Development Block Grant fund program requires a 30 day public comment period for the FY2013 Annual Action Plan recommended funding for activities prior to final approval of the plan.

The 30 day public comment period ended at 4 p.m. on February 8, 2013. Only one comment letter was submitted (see attachment) from Mike Sehr for North Point Childcare Center. Mr. Sehr submitted an application for funding to install accordion doors (6) to section off a large room into smaller classrooms, video cameras, and televisions, so they could expand the number of children enrolled in their childcare program. Over 51% of the families served by their childcare facility are low-income. This project was not included in the recommendation to fund by the Investment committee. Mr. Sehr is requesting Council reconsideration to include funding for this project. The original request was for \$45,425. The video cameras and TVs are not eligible for funding, but the wall dividers are. Mr. Sehr's letter states that removing the cameras and televisions, and with new bids obtained, they would only need \$25,000 to complete the project.

At this point in time the Annual Action Plan is based on an estimated HUD allocation and the City may or may not receive this much money. The City will in all likelihood have to make adjustments to the allocations upon receipt of HUD's letter stating our actual award. The timing of that is dependent on when Congress passes the budget.

Staff Recommendation is to reconfirm the preliminary approved plan as submitted by the Investment committee and approved by Council, with the understanding that upon notification from HUD of the actual entitlement funding amount Council will reconsider North Point Childcare Center's request along with any required adjustments.



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