



*Meeting Notice*

**Board of Commission Meeting**

**Thursday April 15, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**5:30pm**

**If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Abra Fortson @ 414-906-2720.**

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***SDC Board of Commission Meeting***  
***April 15, 2021***  
***Virtual – 1730 W. North Avenue***  
***Milwaukee, WI 53206***

**AGENDA**

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| 1. Call to Order  | Chair, Elmer Moore Jr. |
| 2. Roll Call  |                        |
| 3. Compliance with the Open Meetings Law                |                        |
| 4. Public Comments                                      | Information            |
| 5. Adoption of the April 15, 2021 Notice & Agenda       | Action                 |
| 6. Adoption of the April 15, 2021 <b>Consent Agenda</b> | Action                 |

*(Note: Board members may request the removal of items from the consent agenda; the item will then be placed on the regular agenda for discussion and action by the Board of Commission.)*

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| 7. Adoption of the Board of Commission March 18, 2021 meeting minutes       | Action             |
| 8. Chairperson's report – <i>SDC Board Chairman</i> , Elmer Moore Jr.       | Information/Action |
| 9. CEO Report – <i>SDC Chief Executive Officer</i> , George P. Hinton       | Information/Action |
| 10. Financial Report – <i>SDC Director of Finance</i> , Patrick Kirslenlohr | Information        |
| 11. SD Foundation Update: <i>SD Foundation Chairman</i> , Al Smith          | Information        |
| 12. SD Properties Update – <i>SD Properties Chair</i> , Ossie Kendrix       | Information        |
| 13. Committee Reports:  | Action             |

**A. Program Planning & Public Policy:**

**April 2021 Briefing Paper Review:**

- BP2548
- BP2549

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Information Only:

Information

- BP2550

SD Foundation Briefing Papers April 2021:

- BP2551

SD Foundation Information Only:

- BP2552
- BP2553

**B. Governance Committee Report**

- 2021 Districts 3 and 4 Commissioner Election Results

Action

14. Legal Counsel Report \*

Action

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15. **Old Business**

Information

16. **New Business**

Information

17. **Announcements**

Information

18. **Adjournment**

Action



Social Development Commission

***Board of Commission Meeting***

***September 11, 2020***

***Virtual – 1730 W. North Avenue***

***Milwaukee, WI 53206***

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**Board of Commissioners, Virtual Meeting  
Thursday March 18, 2021**

**Call to order by Board Chair, Elmer Moore Jr. at 5:36pm**

**Roll Call**

Members present:

- Elmer Moore Jr.
- Nikki Purvis
- Terese Caro
- Donna Brown Martin
- Daniel Gomez
- Matthew Boswell
- Dr. Chia Youyee Vang
- Barbara Toles
- Bennet Rucka
- John Jacobs

Excused

- Craig Sanders
- Abra Fortson

Absent

- Dr. Valencia Brown
- Ossie Kendrix
- Glenn Carson
- Pardeep Kaleka
- Carlisa Harris
- Rosa Villa-Menes

Also Present

- George Hinton, CEO
- Pamela Johnson, Staff
- Patrick Kirslenlohr
- Attorney James Hall
- Al Smith, SD Foundation
- LaToya Jones, Staff
- Kim Dawson-Brooks, Staff
- Barbara McKillop, Staff

**Compliance with Open Meetings Law-** Confirmed by Barbara McKillop

**Public Comments:** Chair Moore shared a concern about the culture of inequity, racism, and violence our nation has experienced in the past year, and most recently in Atlanta. He worked with SDC marketing team to generate a statement from SDC and the Board of Commissioners to

express that this behavior is not tolerated. Chair Moore requested a moment of silence to recognize lives lost and community impacts.

**Adoption of March 18, 2021 Notice and Agenda-**

Moved by Commissioner Donna Bown Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Chia Youyee Vang- Motion passed.

**Adoption of March 18, 2021 Consent Agenda-** Moved by Commissioner Nikki Purvis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Terese Caro. Motion passed.

**Chair Report:** Chair Moore expressed support of encouraging Milwaukee County residents, SDC staff, and board members to receive COVID-19 Vaccines. SDC Board will support SDC, City and County systems and activities related to vaccination outreach. Chair Moore also reported that COVID-19 has impacted the lives of some of SDC's commissioners (both present and past) He reminded all to check-in with staff and other SDC stakeholders to ensure we are supportive (sending well wishes, cards, flowers).

**CEO Report:**

CEO George Hinton reported that he was able to work with the Milwaukee Department of Health to open eligibility of the vaccination to SDC staff. He also encouraged all SDC board members to get the vaccine.

SDC is also working with Ascension and the Health Department to facilitate a pop-up clinic at SDC sites. This would include a Town-Hall session with Ascension to provide education and outreach to the community; more to come regarding dates.

Mr. Hinton is working with the Southside Milwaukee County Supervisors to establish a permanent South Side facility for SDC. He will work with Commissioner Brown-Martin to lead discussions.

Chair Moore noticed that George Hinton's office is much brighter. This is because SDC's North Avenue site now has a full bank of windows on its North Avenue façade. Mr. Hinton noted that the windows have enhanced SDC sense of community and that SDC staff have commented on how the increased light has made a difference.

**Financial Report:**

SDC Director of Finance, Patrick Kirslenlohr shared the January-August 2020 Financial Balance statements, reporting that funding and expenditures are on track for all programs and funding cycles. SDC receives funds from the City of Milwaukee to support SDC's emergency Nutrition Services that provides boxes meals to residents in crisis.

SDC and its contractors are currently conducting a final walk-through for construction projects that included the installation of windows, new roof and solar panels. Once that is finished, SDC will make a final payment for the construction projects.

SDC conducted an Auditing Request for Bids. Three bids were submitted. One was disqualified because of submission after the deadline. The Bid is awarded to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. who received the highest scores based on the bid criteria.

**Presentation:**

Kim Dawson Brooks reported that SDC is operating an election for the Board of Commissioners in April. The pandemic has presented a challenge for interested candidates because they were not able to conduct door-to-door canvassing for signatures. The solution is to open the election to write-in votes and conduct campaigns through social media.

Kim shared a new video featuring Commissioner Barbara Toles, discussing the issues of poverty in Milwaukee County. A series of videos featuring SDC board members will be posted on social media sites and will encourage residents to become more engaged in the community. Kim encouraged board members to share the videos on their social media feeds.

Ella Dunbar also discussed the April 8 election for Districts 3 and 4. Election for District 3 will take place at North Division High School. District 4 election will take place at the Northcott Neighborhood House, with support from Elizabeth Coggs-Jones.

Ella stated that interested candidates for a write-in vote can contact her.

**SD-Foundation:**

President Al Smith reported two new board members, Barbara Toles and John Jacobs, who will represent the SDC Board of Commissioners on the Foundation Board.

SD-Foundation is sponsoring a “Take 30 Series”. Board members will commit to expanding our sphere of influence to increase donors and sponsorships for SDF and SDC events and programs. Take 30 is a platform for board members to take 30 minutes of their time to make calls and talk about the importance of SDC and SDF programs. SDC board members are encouraged to participate and register for 30 minute commitments.

**SD Properties:**

In absence of Commissioner Kendrix, CEO George Hinton reported that North Avenue walk-through is in its final phase. We are also waiting for new signage and are working to select a permanent site on the city’s South Side. At this time, we are working on data-lines and classroom setups in the SDC Northwest facility.

**Legal Report:**

Attorney Hall has no reports regarding legal items. He did comment that he is relieved that SDC’s Board of Commissioners previously approved a new policy to allow write-in candidates on SDC elections. Attorney Hall also commented that Elizabeth Coggs-Jones was a former SDC Commissioner and even served a chair in the 1990s. It is nice that former stakeholders come back to support SDC efforts.

**Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Nikki Purvis requested approval from the Board to accept the applications for the 2020 and 2021 application for CSBG CARES Act funds. **SDC received \$230,777 in 2020 and \$1,438,475 in 2021** to address crisis and basic needs during the pandemic. This is separate from the \$2,231,917 that SDC receives for annual CSBG allotments.

The approval of the 2020 application was moved by Commissioner Nikki Purvis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Barbara Toles- Motion carried. The approval of the 2021 application was moved by Commissioner Nikki Purvis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Terese Caro- Motion carried.

Commissioner Purvis reported that board members are required to participate in ROMA training which will be held during a board meeting in the near future.

SDC is working on the 2020 CSBG reports which have an extended due date of April 30.

Commissioner Purvis also discussed a finding from the Foster Grandparent program which program staff are responding to. More to come

Diane Robinson provided a VITA update reporting that the IRS is extending the tax deadline to May 17. VITA will continue to provide services to that new date. However, the Southside location will cease activities April 15.

Diane also reported a concern for residents who received unemployment, but did not realize they had to pay federal and state taxes on that income. The IRS recently stated that the first \$10,200 in unemployment payments is not taxable. However, many have already filed and software needs to be adjusted. SDC will address those issues with customers after the May 17 deadlines to submit amendments.

**Old Business:**

The Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program is now processing funds to get money to people and landlords. There is a call for patience as the \$1.9 trillion is not yet available to people.

**New Business:**

Chair Moore would like the board to endorse the SDC statement to publicly condemn the recent shooting targeting Asian women in Atlanta, Georgia. Motion moved by Commissioner Donna Brown-Martin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Barbara Toles- Motion carried.

Commissioner John Jacobs asked about the schedule for the ROMA training. Commission Purvis confirmed that the training will take place during the regular Board meeting. Abra will send out notices and materials once the date is determined.

Commissioner John Jacobs also noted that March is Women's History Month. He wanted to recognize the history and contributions women have made to this Board of Commissioners.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Commissioner Terese Caro; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Nikki Purvis- Motion carries.







April 2021

Briefing Papers for Action/Information

**Social Development Commission**

BP	Funder	Services/Program	Due Date	Request	Refunding/ New/Continuation
<b>Action Items</b>					
BP2548	HUD	Older Adult Home Modification Program	May 4	\$1,250,000	New
BP2549	HUD	Homebuyer Education	August 1	0	New
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>	
<b>Information Only</b>					
BP2550	Employ Milwaukee	Earn and Learn	May 7	0	Refunding
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>	

**Social Development Foundation**

BP	Funder	Services/Program	Due Date	Request	Refunding/ New
<b>Action Items</b>					
BP2551	AARP	Senior Services	April 14	\$20,000	New
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
<b>Information Only</b>					
BP2552	We Energies	Education	June 30	\$2,000	
BP2553	US Bank	Career Services	None	\$10,000	
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12,000.00</b>	

**2021 Status-to-Date**

Agent	Total # of requests	Total \$ requested	Total # awarded	Total amount awarded	New awarded	Total pending	Amount pending	Total denied	Amount denied
Agency-wide	30	\$8,366,412	7	\$2,574,091	\$1,538,725	21	\$ 5,682,471	1	\$100,000
<b>SDF only</b>	13	\$254,500	1	\$250	\$250	11	\$229,500	0	\$0