

APPROVED

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD MEETING May 12, 2008- 7:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR 100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Board Members</u> <u>Cumulative</u> <u>From 10/07</u>	
			<u>(P)</u>	<u>(A)</u>
Marjorie Davis		A	0	7
William Goetz	P		7	0
Michael Kimmey	P		5	2
Avery Dial	P		7	0
Margaret Birch	P		6	1
Fenel Antoine	P		5	2
Emmett Kater	P		5	2
P.J. Espinal	P		4	3
David Maymon	P		5	2
Tunde Ogunlana	P		4	3
Christopher Priester	P		6	0
James Currier	P		1	1
Maureen Persi		A	0	1

Staff Present:

Margarette Hayes, Manager, Housing & Community Development
Angelia Basto, Administrative Support
Susan Batchelder, Assistant Community Development Manager

Margaret A. Muhl, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Vice Chair William Goetz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

Board and Staff Introductions

Margarette Hayes stated that James Currier is a new member of this Board. Also, Maureen Persi has been appointed to this Board, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but would attend as of the June meeting.

James Currier stated that he practiced orthodontics in western Pennsylvania for over 35 years and was active in Civil Affairs, especially the Chamber of Commerce. He was happy to make a contribution to this City.

Chair Michael Kimmey welcomed James Currier to this Board.

Tunde Ogunlana entered the meeting at approximately 7:21 p.m.

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Margarette Hayes proceeded to introduce staff that was present tonight: Angelia Basto, Administrative Support; and Susan Batchelder, Assistant ACD Manager.

Approval of Minutes

Margarette Hayes stated that the following minutes were to be approved tonight: February 25, 2008; March 10, 2008; and April 14, 2008.

William Goetz stated that in regard to the minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting, on page 2, he suggests that it be noted that Chair Michael Kimmey and Vice Chair William Goetz were elected unanimously.

Chair Michael Kimmey asked for the correction he mentioned at the April 14th meeting be made to the March 10, 2008 minutes.

William Goetz stated that in the March 10, 2008 minutes on page 3, Ms. Espinal stated "that this was all part of the vending process," he asked if it should say "vetting" process. He also stated that in the third paragraph from the bottom of page 3, it states: "If they continue to throw out applications because they were late," he believed it should read: "If they continue to throw out applications for minor irregularities...."

Chair Michael Kimmey stated that also in regard to the April 14, 2008 minutes, on page 8 at the top he would like it to be noted that the question asked was whether that group worked mainly with construction workers.

Margarette Hayes stated that Fenel Antoine advised that he had to leave the meeting which was at approximately 7:25 p.m.

William Goetz stated that in the April 14, 2008 meeting minutes on page 14 the third paragraph from the bottom stated that \$.87 cents helped individuals in need, and he asked for some further clarification. Ms. Hayes stated that \$.87 of every dollar went to help individuals in need.

Motion made by Chair Michael Kimmey to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Emmett Kater. Board unanimously approved.

CDBG 2008/2009 Application Ranking & Awarding of Funds

Margarette Hayes stated that several of the agencies requesting funds were present at tonight's meeting. She explained that none of the representatives were speaking tonight unless this Board collectively has a question. Normally, this Board would just follow the process and make their awards tonight. She further explained that the conflict of interest would also affect any family member of this Board.

Ms. Hayes asked if any Board members had any conflict of interest to declare so the individuals could be secluded from voting on those conflicting issues.

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Emmett Kater stated that he had a conflict of interest in regard to the Jack 'n Jill application due to the fact that he had a niece working for that organization.

Mr. Maymon stated that his father was a past president of Broward Homebound, but he was not involved with the organization himself.

Christopher Priester stated that he had a conflict of interest with Safewater Instruction Swims because his youth program participated in the swim program in the summer.

Ms. Hayes asked if all the Board members had completed their fund rankings.

Chair Michael Kimmey proceeded to explain the review process to be followed at this time.

Ms. Birch asked if she felt that a grant was inappropriate or incorrect should her score be written as unacceptable or non-applicable. Chair Michael Kimmey stated that that at last months meeting, a question was raised regarding whether Future Starts Youth Group should be considered since data was missing from their application. Ms. Birch further stated that the data had been incorrect and was not applicable to the grant request. She stated that she would just put zero points.

Mr. Kater stated that since he was not present at the meeting when the presentations had been made, he was not comfortable in making a decision regarding the rankings, and therefore, requested to abstain from participating in the process.

Mr. Goetz stated that in the past members who had not been present for the presentations were able to participate in the process. Ms. Hayes confirmed. Mr. Kater stated that he was not comfortable in making a decision even though he had read the material. Mr. Goetz urged Mr. Kater to participate in the rankings and awarding of funds. Mr. Kater stated that he would take that into consideration, but he only wanted to be fair to everyone involved.

The process was reviewed as to how monies had been awarded to the organizations in the past.

Votes were tallied at this time.

Good of the Order

Ms. Hayes stated that at next month's meeting there would probably be two applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. Also, the Economic Development Manager, Jeff Modarelli, would be present at this Board's next meeting to provide an update regarding the fact that this Board would address the tourism and cultural affairs issues. Mr. Modarelli would explain the duties and responsibilities of that aspect. Ms. Hayes further explained that an ordinance would be presented to the Commission updating this Board's duties and responsibilities. The City Commission decided that this Board would deal with such aspects for the City. She proceeded to state that things would not necessarily happen immediately

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and staff might begin meeting with this Board on a quarterly basis until things are fully operational. She added that this would be an additional function of this Board.

Mr. Goetz asked if information could be provided to this Board ahead of time for them to review. He stated that it was distressing to him that the decision was completely unilateral and that this Board was not permitted to provide any input as to how things would be structured or defined. Ms. Hayes explained that the process was handled by the City Commission and they would approve the final ordinance.

MEETING WAS RECESSED AT APPROXIMATELY 7:43 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED AT APPROXIMATELY 7:46 P.M

Mr. Goetz stated that his thoughts in regard to the rankings, since monies had been decreased, were that they should concentrate on desperate members of the community. Ms. Birch stated that she had done her rankings similarly. Mr. Goetz suggested that there be something in the ranking criteria in the future to reflect this.

Ms. Hayes advised that the total amount of money to be distributed this year was \$228,052.

Mr. Goetz asked if possibly in the future some of the funds could be earmarked for helping homeless individuals. Ms. Hayes stated that there was a strategy under the funding for the Home Program which was a Federal Grant, and monies were used to assist individuals with families, along with the disabled to prevent homelessness. She explained there were block grant monies geared for homelessness through the County's Family Success Center that help individuals who were homeless due to an immediate situation. Unfortunately, the fund only had about \$50,000. A plan of action was needed by those individuals receiving assistance to continue paying the rent. She advised that the funds being distributed tonight were restricted to be provided to the non-profit agencies that provided social services.

Ms. Hayes explained further that the Emergency Shelter Grant provided assistance to support the Homeless Assistance Center which consisted of about \$26,000. She reminded the Board that the same thing was done in the HOPWA Program. She continued stating that in the first quarter of this year there were more than 14,000 foreclosures in Broward County. This City had close to 1400 foreclosures. She explained that there was the ripple affect due to various situations.

Ms. Hayes further stated that there were individuals who paid their first and last month's rent, including security deposits, but the landlord was not paying the mortgage, and therefore, properties were foreclosed and individuals became homeless. She explained that when the condo conversion took place, there were many investors who bought properties, but were now letting them go since they were not their primary residences. Therefore, many more individuals were becoming homeless.

Ms. Espinal stated that while parents were facing all these problems, they needed to give thought to what should be done to help the children of those families.

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Ms. Hayes stated that was why they set aside \$100,000 to help families with children.

Mr. Goetz stated that large companies should adopt a family and help educate them and provide jobs to them. Ms. Espinal stated that large companies should just come and open up businesses in this area.

Mr. Kater stated that landlords should be forced to lower rents in order to assist the homeless. Ms. Espinal reiterated that they needed companies to provide good long term jobs for individuals.

Ms. Hayes stated that she just received the Community Development Block Grant Homeless Supported Services and Housing Programs Funding Cuts in the President's budget. The home ownership and homeless assistance would remain as the Administration's top housing priority in a \$38.5 Billion Fiscal Year '09 under HUD. CDBG was slashed by \$900 Million with the Administration proposing to fund the program at an even \$3 Billion which was down from \$3.866 Billion last year. Under the new plan, CDBG grants would be slashed to \$2.927 Billion, and the Home Partnership Grant received an increase of almost \$200,000.

Ms. Hayes stated that every year during the last 5-6 years, they had lost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year from the monies they get.

Mr. Priester asked why was the allotment so small and who made such decisions. If they want to help non-profits in the City, they should probably be dealing with \$5 Million to \$10 Million per year due to costs in today's society. Ms. Hayes explained that the funds were mandated by HUD. She stated that one of the issues they dealt with in the past was the cost allowance for the administration of the program. Such allowance has been at 20% for the last number of years.

MEETING RECESSED AT APPROXIMATELY 8:13 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED AT APPROXIMATELY 8:26 P.M.

Chair Michael Kimmey suggested that possibly next year the Board Members could e-mail their rankings to staff ahead of time.

Ms. Hayes stated that in regard to the Board's rankings, the agencies were ranked as follows:

1. Crossroads Food Bank
2. Broward Homebound Program
3. Covenant House & Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program
4. Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program
5. Second Chance
6. First Call For Help & Women in Distress
7. Lighthouse For The Blind
8. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.
9. Mount Bethel Human Services Corp.

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10. Task Force For Ending Homelessness
11. Safewater Instruction – S.W.I.M. Foundation
12. Girl Scouts of Broward County
13. Russell Life Skills & Reading Foundation
14. Future Stars Youth Sports Association
15. ComServe
16. McCombeian Foundation and Corporation

Ms. Hayes stated that the Crossroads Food Bank requested \$49,000.

Motion made by Mr. Goetz and seconded by Chair Michael Kimmey to grant the amount of \$49,000 to Crossroads Food Bank.

Ms. Birch stated that there were many applicants with needs, and therefore, she felt that the amount of \$49,000 was a lot to grant to one organization.

Mr. Priester agreed with Ms. Birch and stated that they needed to be fair to all the groups.

Other Board members agreed to lower the amount due to the fact there was not a lot of money to ration out.

Mr. Kater asked for further clarification as to whether amounts could be modified once they were granted to an organization.

Chair Michael Kimmey explained that after they went through the process, they could go back and readjust some numbers if so desired.

Ms. Hayes confirmed that the Board could appropriate the money as they saw fit.

Mr. Dial asked if last year the organization that ranked first had been granted 60% of their request. Since there were less funds this year that percentage should be reduced to possibly 25%.

Mr. Goetz amended his motion as follows:

Motion made by Mr. Goetz and seconded by Chair Michael Kimmey to grant the amount of \$40,000 to Crossroads Food Bank.

Mr. Priester stated that he did not like playing with individuals' emotions in readjusting the funds once they were granted. He suggested that a process be developed whereby percentages were decided upon for each request. He believed that 50% would be adequate to begin the process.

Ms. Espinal stated that they should begin with lower numbers and see how they end up. Adjustments could always be made and amounts increased if monies were still available.

Chair Michael Kimmey stated that had been done in the past, and they necessarily did not always go back and reallocate the funds.

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The vote on the motion showed: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0.

Motion made by Mr. Priester and seconded by Mr. Dial to grant \$24,500 to Crossroads Food Bank. Vote showed: The Board voted unanimously.

Ms. Hayes stated that the Broward Homebound Program requested \$27,888.

Motion made by Mr. Kater to grant \$15,000 to the Broward Homebound Program. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Birch stated that Mr. Dial had a rational way at arriving at figures for the organizations.

Motion made by Mr. Priester and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$13,944 to Broward Homebound Program.

Mr. Goetz stated that this Board needed to consider what programs they were cutting funds from such as this program which served the disabled. Mr. Priester reminded the Board that everything is getting cut these days, and many of the organizations do not have other resources they could turn to for assistance.

Ms. Espinal stated that if this Board chooses wisely how the monies were distributed, there were organizations available to take care of everyone and their needs. She believed if they began by granting 50% of the funds requested to each organization, they could then readjust if necessary at the end.

Mr. Dial stated that the 50% figure should not be looked at wholesale, but decided upon on an individual basis.

Mr. Maymon stated that the organizations were rated for a reason, and the top 5 or 6 organizations should receive more deference. He believed they needed to approach this with a more sound mathematical system. He reiterated the function of this organization and believed it was very beneficial.

Mr. Ogunlana asked if there was a way to come to a consensus regarding the dollar figure without voting so they could move on, and then at the end make a motion to approve the distribution.

Ms. Birch stated that many of the organizations have experienced grant writers and all criteria were met, and therefore, they earn high scores. They also need to remember that many of the same organizations receive extensive financial assistance from other sources. Personally, she did not feel that the higher scored organizations should receive 50% of their request. She felt that the same type of discussion would ensue whether there was a general consensus for a figure or not.

Vote on the motion showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes stated that there was a tie between Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program who requested \$51,480, and Covenant House who requested \$58,188.

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Motion made by Ms. Birch and seconded by Mr. Goetz to pass on Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program and The Covenant House at this time since they had other resources available to them, and move forward with the other organizations and their requests. Afterwards, those groups could be revisited with the remaining funds.

Mr. Maymon asked how it was known that some organizations had other resources and could those resources be quantified. Ms. Birch explained that such information was included in their submission.

Mr. Goetz stated that they also needed to consider the amount of money that was needed for these organizations to take care of one client.

Chair Michael Kimmey stated that this Board was getting away from their purpose tonight which was to allocate the funds to the organizations. He believed they should stick to the rankings that were determined.

Ms. Birch stated that the organizations had been selected because they had very good grant submissions in accordance with the grant criteria, and their rankings had nothing to do with need. They had been ranked in accordance to how well the grant had been written.

Ms. Hayes stated that as the applications were filled out and this Board made their assessment, there should also be consideration given to the quality of their programs.

Ms. Espinal stated that it appeared they were ranking the organizations by technicality. They needed to find a way to look at things all the way around.

Ms. Hayes stated that based on the ranking considerations, it appeared that this Board was considering need.

Mr. Goetz stated that the way the applications were written made it more of a technical issue, rather than a need issue. He had hoped some questions would have been permitted that would have made them more lenient in their ranking. He felt they should go down the list and make their awards, and then revisit the organizations if funds are still remaining.

Mr. Kater stated that Jack 'n Jill have done more in the community than many other groups, especially in regard to serving and caring for children. He had not seen certain results from other programs. He added that he was not necessarily looking at how well the grant had been written, but looked at their track record.

Ms. Birch stated that The Covenant House has helped an enormous amount of people, but she based her rankings on how well the grants had been written because each organization was serving a need for the community.

Mr. Ogunlana stated that they needed to come to an agreement on how to reward the monies. He believed more monies should be granted to the higher-ranked

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organizations because everyone obviously felt those groups should be ranked the highest for whatever reason. He stated that a process was needed to avoid an unnecessary debate on each organization.

Vote on the motion showed: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. Motion failed.

Motion made by Mr. Priester and seconded by Mr. Maymon to grant \$25,740 to Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program. Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 2. Mr. Kater abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Hayes stated that The Covenant House requested \$58,188.

Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$29,094 to The Covenant House. Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes stated that Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program requested \$50,000.

Motion made by Mr. Priester and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$25,000 to the Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program. Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 2. Mr. Kater abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Ms. Hayes further stated that The Second Chance Society requested \$39,387.

Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$19,693 to The Second Chance Society. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

Ms. Hayes stated that First Call For Help requested \$75,000.

Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$25,000 to First Call For Help. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

Ms. Hayes advised that Women In Distress requested \$63,636.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$20,000 to Women In Distress. Vote showed: Board voted unanimously to grant the amount offered.

Ms. Hayes stated that Lighthouse Of The Blind requested \$10,000.

Motion made by Ms. Birch and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$10,000 to Lighthouse Of The Blind.

Mr. Priester suggested that such a large amount be granted at the end of the awarding of funds when adjustments would be made. He reminded the Board that they had agreed to award 50% on the first round.

Ms. Birch stated that she would withdraw her motion.

Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Mr. Maymon to grant \$5,000 to Lighthouse Of The Blind. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

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Ms. Hayes advised that ASPIRA of Florida requested \$49,908. She proceeded to remind the Board that there was \$40,000 left to be awarded.

Motion made by Mr. Currier and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$5,000 to ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes advised that Mount Bethel Human Services Corporation requested \$82,028.05.

Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Mr. Currier to grant \$5,000 to Mount Bethel Human Services Corporation. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

Ms. Hayes stated that Task Force For Ending Homelessness requested \$18,000.

Ms. Birch stated that in reviewing their application, they had given someone an automobile. She feels that since the funds are so limited, they should not grant monies to purchase a van.

Motion made by Ms. Birch and seconded by Ms. Espinal not to grant any funds to the Task Force For Ending Homelessness.

Mr. Priester suggested that the Board wait until all monies are distributed and then decide if they want to grant funds to this organization or not.

Ms. Birch stated that she was not basing her motion on the fact that there were limited monies left to distribute, but she based it on the fact that they wanted to purchase a van.

Vote on the motion showed: YEAS: 6. NAYS: 4.

Ms. Hayes stated that S.W.I.M. Foundation requested \$25,600.

Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$5,000 to the S.W.I.M. Foundation. Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 2. (Mr. Priester abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.)

Ms. Hayes stated that the Girl Scouts had requested \$27,682.

Ms. Birch stated that the Board should remember that they had their hands slapped last month by the representative of this organization because they had not been funded in the previous year.

Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Mr. Goetz to not grant any funds to the Girl Scouts. Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 3.

Ms. Hayes stated that Russell Lifeskills requested \$50,000.

Motion made by Ms. Birch to grant \$10,000 to Russell Lifeskills. Motion died for lack of a second.

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Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$5,000 to Russell Lifeskills. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

Ms. Hayes stated that Future Stars Youth Sports Association requested \$75,000.

Motion made by Mr. Goetz to not grant any funds to this organization. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion made by Ms. Birch and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$5,000 to Future Stars Youth Sports Association. Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes stated that ComServ requested \$95,200.

Motion made by Ms. Birch and seconded by Ms. Espinal to grant \$5,000 to ComServ. Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes stated that McCombeian Foundation and Corporation requested \$20,000.

Motion made by Mr. Currier and seconded by Mr. Priester to not grant any funds to the McCombeian Foundation and Corporation.

Ms. Birch stated that the application submitted by this corporation was fraudulent, untrue, and requested funds for children living in Lauderhill. Funds are not to be given outside the limits of this City. She further stated that the first statement in their application states: "Presently, students (300) participated in the program and using the McCombeian curriculum originate from 7 primary zip codes, 21 feeder schools of which 15 are elementary, 5 are middle, and one high school." She stated that they want to open up a reading center at St. George, but in the overview they stated that a group existed.

Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS:1.

Ms. Hayes read the list as follows:

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.	-	\$ 5,000
ComServ	-	\$ 5,000
Broward Homebound	-	\$13,944
Covenant House	-	\$29,094
Crossroads Food Bank	-	\$24,500
First Call For Help	-	\$25,000
Future Stars Youth Sports Association	-	\$ 5,000
Girls Scouts	-	\$0
Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program	-	\$25,000
Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program	-	\$25,740
Lighthouse For The Blind	-	\$ 5,000
McCombeian Foundation	-	\$0

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Mt. Bethel Human Services Corp.	-	\$ 5,000
Russell Lifeskills Literacy Program	-	\$ 5,000
S.W.I.M Program	-	\$ 5,000
Second Chance Society	-	\$19,693
Task Force Ending Homelessness	-	\$0
Women In Distress	-	\$20,000

Ms. Hayes stated that there was still a balance of \$10,081 to be distributed.

Motion made by Mr. Currier and seconded by Ms. Birch to split the remaining \$10,081 between the S.W.I.M. Program and the Girl Scouts. The amount of \$5,040.50 would be split between the two organizations.

Ms. Espinal stated that she preferred that the funds be split between Mt. Bethel Human Services Corporation, Future Stars Youth Sports Association, and the Second Chance Society.

Ms. Hayes stated that the performance goals and measures that they have to report to HUD, \$5,000 is a small amount because the process is labor intensive in tracking and monitoring. Therefore, she would like the Board to really consider who would be given the funding. The bottom line should be that there was competency and capacity to deliver a product and produce outcomes. She also stated that the amount of \$5,000 might not help some of these organizations with their programs. She felt the Board should assess those groups being awarded \$5,000 the viability of the funding.

Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 2.

Chair Michael Kimmey stated that there were several organizations that fell within the \$5,000 category that had been voted on. He believed the Board needed to develop a strategy as to how those organizations should be revisited.

Mr. Goetz reviewed which groups had been awarded \$5,000 and what impact that would have on their programs. He suggested that those groups be reduced to zero dollars and the money redistributed.

Ms. Birch stated that she would like the Board to revisit the Mt. Bethel distribution, along with the S.W.I.M Foundation.

Mr. Ogunlana stated that in light of the fact that some of these organizations had other resources, they should probably pick five that would be getting zero dollars, and then a decision could be made as to which groups should receive the remaining funds and in what amounts.

Ms. Espinal stated that she did not like the attitudes of some of the presenters, and suggested that zero dollars be awarded to the S.W.I.M. Program.

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Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Mr. Goetz that the \$5,000 awarded to ComServ be rescinded. Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Mr. Goetz that the \$5,000 awarded to Future Stars Youth Sports Association be rescinded. Vote showed: YEAS: 5. NAYS: 5.

Mr. Goetz stated that at one time they had refused to accept an application that was 5 minutes late, but at the same time there was a requirement that the organizations provide financial statements, and Future Stars Youth Sports Association was one of those groups. He believed receiving the necessary required information was more important to consider than an application being only 5 minutes late. He finds it difficult to justify that type of disparity.

Chair Michael Kimmey agreed and stated that they had previously discussed this group and had decided not to consider awarding any funds.

Ms. Hayes advised that a tie vote indicated that the motion had failed.

Another vote was taken on the motion: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0. Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ms. Hayes stated that there was now \$20,081 still yet to be distributed.

Mr. Priester added that the S.W.I.M Program was also funded by the School Board of Broward County. He suggested that no funds be granted to that organization.

Motion made by Mr. Priester and seconded by Mr. Goetz that the \$5,000 awarded to the S.W.I.M. Program be rescinded.

Mr. Kater stated that he did not believe the organization was going to be funded 100% by the School Board, and therefore, he felt funds should be awarded to this organization.

Mr. Goetz stated that no financial statements were submitted by this group. Therefore, he was in favor of granting zero dollars to this organization.

Vote showed: YEAS: 7. NAYS: 2.

Chair Michael Kimmey stated that he believed ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. was left, along with Mt. Bethel and Russell Lifeskills as receiving \$5,000 awards.

Motion made by Mr. Maymon and seconded by Ms. Espinal to rescind the \$5,000 awarded to ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

Ms. Espinal suggested that they grant larger awards to Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$10,000 each to Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs.

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Ms. Espinal withdrew her motion.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Ms. Birch to grant \$15,000 each to Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs. Vote showed: YEAS: NAYS:

Mr. Kater stated that Lighthouse For The Blind had only been awarded \$5,000.

Mr. Priester suggested that Lighthouse For The Blind be given the \$10,000 they requested, and that the remaining funds be split between the bottom two groups.

Ms. Espinal rescinded the previous motion.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal to grant \$10,000 to Lighthouse For The Blind, \$10,000 to Mt. Bethel and \$10,000 to the Russell Lifeskills Programs. She suggested that the remaining funds be granted to the Broward Homebound Program.

Mr. Kater disagreed and stated that the remaining funds should be split between Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs. The remaining funds could then be awarded to Lighthouse For The Blind.

Chair Michael Kimmey suggested that the remaining funds be split between the three organizations being discussed.

Ms. Hayes advised that the remaining funds would be \$15,081 to be split between Mt. Bethel and Russell Lifeskills Programs.

Ms. Espinal rescinded her previous motion.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal to grant \$10,000 to Lighthouse For The Blind, and that the remaining funds be split evenly between Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs.

It was decided to split up the awards into different motions.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Mr. Priester to grant \$10,000 to Lighthouse For The Blind, thereby increasing their award by \$5,000. Vote showed: YEAS: 10. NAYS: 0.

Motion made by Ms. Espinal to grant the remaining funds between Mt. Bethel and the Russell Lifeskills Programs in addition to the \$5,000 previously awarded to each program.

Ms. Batchelder advised that the remaining funds to be distributed totaled \$12,540.50. Therefore, if the motion above passed each organization would be awarded \$17,540.50.

Vote showed: YEAS: 9. NAYS: 1.

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Ms. Hayes proceeded to read the amounts being awarded as follows:

Broward Homebound	\$13,944.00
The Covenant House	\$29,094.00
Crossroads Food Bank	\$24,500.00
First Call For Help	\$25,000.00
Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program	\$25,000.00
Jack 'n Jill Scholarship Program	\$25,740.00
Mt. Bethel Human Services Corporation	\$17,540.00
Russell Lifeskills	\$17,540.00
Women In Distress	\$20,000.00
Second Chance Society	\$19,693.00
Lighthouse For The Blind	\$10,000.00

Ms. Espinal asked if the Jack 'n Jill Program could be revisited because she feels the Second Chance Society was excellent and wanted them to receive more money. She also feels that Broward Homebound should receive more money.

Mr. Goetz stated that he agreed with Ms. Espinal 100%. He continued to describe the funds being requested by Jack 'n Jill and how many children would be served. He further stated that the Food Bank served more individuals for a smaller amount of money per person. He added that the Homebound Program also required less money per person and served more individuals. He felt that the Jack 'n Jill Programs should be reduced substantially.

Chair Michael Kimmey asked if Mr. Goetz wanted to propose a round number that would fit in with their funding program. Mr. Goetz stated that he would suggest zero dollars for the Jack 'n Jill Programs, but felt that other individuals would not agree. Therefore, he would leave the matter for someone else to make a recommendation.

Mr. Priester stated that numbers should not be adjusted that had already been established. He continued stating that they would then be going back to everyone's personal opinion. He believed they should stay with the numbers as determined and end the meeting.

Ms. Birch stated that Mr. Priester wanted the opportunity to revisit and readjust the numbers. She continued stating that her reason for not wanting to fund the Jack 'n Jill Programs was because they had the opportunity to receive other financial assistance. She added that they did a great job with their programs.

Mr. Maymon stated that a motion should be made so a vote could be taken.

Motion made by Mr. Goetz to grant each of the Jack 'n Jill Programs with \$5,000 each.

Chair Michael Kimmey reminded the Board that they had been advised that a \$5,000 grant was not an appropriate allocation.

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Motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Michael Kimmey reminded the Board that they could choose to accept the awards as granted.

Motion made by Mr. Kater and seconded by Mr. Maymon to accept the awards as determined above.

Mr. Goetz stated that he believed it was an outrageous amount of money going to the Jack 'n Jill Programs for a limited number of children when such amount could be granted to help a larger number of individuals to keep from starving.

Mr. Ogunlana stated that opinions are again being stated, and that he had selected the Jack 'n Jill Programs as one of his higher ranking groups because of the work they did for the community. He said no one person's opinion was right or wrong or better than another's, but again a choice had been made and the organizations had been ranked.

Ms. Espinal stated that she did not want to accept the figures as determined, and that the Jack 'n Jill Programs were the most popular charities in this County. She wanted to reduce each program by \$5,000 and grant the monies to a group that would have a higher impact on society.

Mr. Priester stated that again they were hearing a person's opinion, and the children helped by the Jack 'n Jill Programs were children having special needs, and it cost more to deal with those types of individuals. He suggested that they stay with the figures as determined.

Mr. Goetz stated that he did not feel all the children in the program required special needs.

Mr. Ogunlana asked for the vote to be taken on the motion on the floor.

Mr. Goetz further stated that if the motion was voted down, he recommended that \$10,000 be granted to each program.

Vote showed: YEAS: 8. NAYS: 2.

Ms. Hayes proceeded to reread the numbers as they stand as follows:

Broward Homebound	\$13,944.00
The Covenant House	\$29,094.00
Crossroads Food Bank	\$24,500.00
First Call For Help	\$25,000.00
Jack 'n Jill Infant/Toddler Program	\$25,000.00
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Motion made by Mr. Kater to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Maymon.

Ms. Hayes advised the Board that their recommendations would be forwarded to the City Commission at the June 17, 2008 meeting.

There being no other business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Muhl,
Recording Secretary