

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

DECEMBER 8, 2003

The Commissioners of Dexter Donation meet this day at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the Alderman's Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor David N. Cicilline, Dr. Wayne J. Montague, Renee L. Bailey and Lawrence M. DeMeo – 4.

ABSENT: Dale L. Santos and Juan M. Pichardo – 2.

Also present are Carolyn Benedict-Drew, Chief of Policy, Mayor's Office; Chiv Heng, Mayor's Office; Michael R. Clement, City Clerk and Lori L. Hagen, Assistant Clerk.

Distribution of funds for the coming winter.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Okay, Carolyn, do you want to just present what – just sort of explain what you've passed out to everybody.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Sure. Um, as per your request, this meeting was for just criteria one, food and shelter. We read all of – and then there was some carryovers if you had particular organizations that were perhaps not funded, or that was also that food and shelter. I think – and do they have priority one, do they have a copy of this?

MR. HENG: Yeah, I can pass this out.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay. This is our recommendation to the Mayor, based on the criteria that the Commission put forth. We also – our calculations conservatively based that we have about 70,000 and change that's available, and I used that 5% clause that we had all talked about at the last meeting, which I thought was a conservative number in this environment that I thought better to be conservative than not.

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MAYOR CICILLINE: So, which is the – are you talking about – is it on this page right here.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Yeah, that 69,000 is the bottom line. You have it.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Okay. And can you explain what the two big – large requests are, the 20,000 and the 20,000.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Yes. There are ten Providence neighborhood community centers. Some – that's number 25.

DR. MONTAGUE: Where do you see that?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: I'm sorry, right here.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Yeah, I don't think this is – this is not in the package.

DR. MONTAGUE: Okay, all right.

MS. BAILEY: But the funny thing is I did the exact same thing that she did and I have the same ones.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Oh, is that right.

MS. BAILEY: I have the same one. I did the same thing.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: I'm so sorry.

MS. BAILEY: No, no. I'm just saying that it was like ironic that we picked the same ones.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Here they are.

MAYOR CICILLINE: So, these are all the ones that we've identified as related to food and assistance to homeless and the poor.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Right.

DR. MONTAGUE: And that's – that's good but I'd like to help out – amount requested \$20,000.00?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Let me explain those two.

MAYOR CICILLINE: What is it called?

DR. MONTAGUE: What did you say? You said there was two here with \$20,000.00.

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MS. BENEDICT-DREW: One is for – let me see – one is for \$20,000.00, and that's the Providence neighborhood community centers. We have ten community centers so they put it in together. It's \$2,000.00 a community center. And then the Rhode Island Coalition of Homeless, they requested, um, 30,000, correct or twenty – thirty –

MS. HENG: Twenty-five.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: -- 25, and we put in twenty because we could fit it above the line, and obviously you can do with it what you want.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Well, is there one on this list that you'd like to include.

DR. MONTAGUE: There's – there's a few.

MS. BAILEY: Yeah, there's a couple.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay, okay, yeah.

DR. MONTAGUE: Like Roger Williams Day Care, I'd like to have that considered under community groups.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay

DR. MONTAGUE: I don't know if Music Works put in anything.

MR. HENG: Yes, they did. Those are all –

DR. MONTAGUE: And that – that comes under community, too. It comes under the West End Community Center.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Um-hum.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay, so it's not food and shelter. So, this is –

DR. MONTAGUE: They have a program where they help minority children learn how to play the violin and all of that.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Right, all they did for this list was they took out every –

DR. MONTAGUE: I know. Right, right.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- but that's on that list.

DR. MONTAGUE: But I just wanted to bring that up to you.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Okay.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Sure.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Any other ones?

DR. MONTAGUE: I like sharing.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Yeah, good.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Renee, did you have some.

MS. BAILEY: Yeah. I think we're all – Roger Williams was the only one that I didn't highlight.

DR. MONTAGUE: Right.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Great minds think alike.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Right.

MS. BAILEY: Right. That's the only one that's not on there.

DR. MONTAGUE: And maybe Fox Point Boys and Girls Club.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: And they do a lot.

MAYOR CICILLINE: I love them.

DR. MONTAGUE: I know.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Did they apply?

MR. HENG: Yes –

DR. MONTAGUE: Yes, they did.

MR. HENG: -- they did.

MR. DE MEO: Now, this – this Rhode Island Community Food Bank, it's – it says Hayes Street, West Warwick.

MAYOR CICILLINE: That's their old address.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Old address.

MAYOR CICILLINE: They're moving into Providence.

MR. DE MEO: Are they – are they a big – a big establishment.

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MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Yes.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Very big.

DR. MONTAGUE: And I think if we're over just a little bit, we're still a little safe.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: We -- we've been very conservative --

DR. MONTAGUE: Right, right, right.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: -- for that reason. I mean our job is I think to be conservative but your job is to spend.

DR. MONTAGUE: Or just try to keep everybody happy.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: That's right.

DR. MONTAGUE: That's the key.

MR. DE MEO: And they were asking for 2,000.

MAYOR CICILLINE: The Fox Point?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Fox Point?

MR. DE MEO: No, the --

DR. MONTAGUE: What one are you talking about?

MR. DE MEO: -- the Rhode Island Community Food Bank --

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: What number?

MR. DE MEO: -- that's moving here.

DR. MONTAGUE: What number is that?

MR. DE MEO: That's number 27.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Number 27.

MR. DE MEO: And Roger Williams Day Care Center.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: That we have down. We added it. Is that the only one we added?

DR. MONTAGUE: No.

MAYOR CICILLINE: No, Music Works, the West End Community Center

MR. DE MEO: Um-hum.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- Fox Point Girls and Boys Club.

MR. DE MEO: Second Chance Ministries.

MAYOR CICILLINE: That's on the list.

DR. MONTAGUE: That is on the list?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: It's on.

MR. DE MEO: Number 31, yeah.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Yeah.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: It's like a Chinese menu. You just call off the number.

MR. DE MEO: Now, the St. Teresa's --

MAYOR CICILLINE: Yeah, that's on, number 35.

MR. DE MEO: Okay, 35 and number 40 --

DR. MONTAGUE: What was that?

MR. DE MEO: -- Associated Community Organizations, ACORN.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: That's on.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Yeah. The only one that I'm adding that wasn't on my recommendation list, since we did add one, another education one is HUDO, because of its the classes, which is Hispanic, number 14.

DR. MONTAGUE: Yeah.

MR. DE MEO: Um-hum.

MAYOR CICILLINE: So, is it -- if we -- if we added those four that have just been called out for that other, does that get us over a lot or enough that we're okay.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Eight thousand, and we were about a thousand less, so it's 7,000 difference, is that about right?

MR. HENG: Yeah.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Seven thousand dollar difference.

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MAYOR CICILLINE: Is that okay?

MR. DE MEO: Yeah, I think so.

MAYOR CICILLINE: We'll make it up. It's a tough winter. Okay.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: I think so. At 5%, which I think is – still is a conservative number, right. Yeah. That's easy.

DR. MONTAGUE: Yeah.

MR. CLEMENT: Is this based on the projections of –

MR. DE MEO: Yeah.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Yes.

MR. CLEMENT: -- them coming in?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Yeah.

MR. CLEMENT: They usually go over anyway.

MR. DE MEO: Yeah, they always do.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Good, then we're –

MR. DE MEO: That's a modest –

MAYOR CICILLINE: I'm thinking this winter, I mean the way the economy is, this is a particularly important time to –

MR. DE MEO: Right.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- do it. Okay, so if there are no additions, does someone want to make a motion to approve numbers 3, 12, 16, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 35, 37 and 40, as well as Roger Williams Day Care –

MS. BAILEY: Number 29.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- for \$2,000.00.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: What number is that?

MS. BAILEY: 29.

DR. MONTAGUE: 29.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Okay, 29.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Music Works –

MR. HENG: Number 6.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- in the amount of \$2,000.00, Fox Point Girls and Boys Club --

MR. HENG: Number 2.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- two, in the amount of \$2,000.00, and HUDO --

MR. HENG: Number 14.

MAYOR CICILLINE: -- fourteen in the amount of \$2,000.00.

DR. MONTAGUE: I move. There's a motion on the floor.

MS. BAILEY: Second.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

MR. DE MEO: Did we look at 28, Mayor.

MAYOR CICILLINE: 28?

MR. CLEMENT: That's the Vietnam Veterans Action Center.

MR. DE MEO: The Veterans Action Center. It's number 28.

MAYOR CICILLINE: I don't know anything about them.

MR. CLEMENT: They're located up on -- in the old shopping center area next to the Urban League, and they -- they assist all Vietnam Veterans, all --

DR. MONTAGUE: Is that Norman Lincoln?

MR. CLEMENT: No, that's Lawrence Covington and Joe Washington.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: And a lot of people aren't employed, I bet, and hungry.

MR. CLEMENT: Yeah, and they give out baskets and things of that nature.

MR. DE MEO: They give out food.

DR. MONTAGUE: Let's give them -- let's add them.

MR. DE MEO: Yeah.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Do you want to add them?

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Let's add them.

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MAYOR CICILLINE: So, there's a motion to modify the – amend the motion to modify – amend the motion to include number –

MR. DE MEO: -- 28.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: -- 28.

DR. MONTAGUE: So moved.

MS. BAILEY: Second.

On motion of Dr. Montague, Seconded by Ms. Bailey, it is voted to approve the above-mentioned organizations for the amounts discussed.

MAYOR CICILLINE: So, now as to the amended motion, all those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Ayes.

MAYOR CICILLINE: Opposed? The motion carries and we will get that authorized, and Mr. Clement and whoever else can work their magic to make sure they get delivered, and Carolyn.

MR. CLEMENT: Okay.

DR. MONTAGUE: That's great.

MR. DE MEO: That's ten over.

MAYOR CICILLINE: So, it gives us about eight or nine over but –

MR. CLEMENT: Yeah because usually the – the rejection usually comes in at more – at a higher rate.

MR. DE MEO: Yeah, and that's a good thing to give the veterans, too, excellent.

MAYOR CICILLINE: I hope, Commissioners, that this kind of analysis is helpful. It's obviously not meant to – to direct what we do but just gives them some background and –

DR. MONTAGUE: We appreciate it –

MR. DE MEO: Yeah, absolutely.

DR. MONTAGUE: -- for giving us the opportunity to make the changes.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Of course, of course.

MAYOR CICILLINE: But it's good when great minds think alike.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: Absolutely.

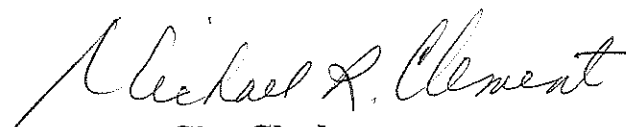
MR. DE MEO: No, it is.

MS. BENEDICT-DREW: There's no difference. You all have the same highlights.

DR. MONTAGUE: Yes.

MR. DE MEO: Well, yeah, true. That's true. We're on the same page.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Dr. Montague, Seconded by Mr. DeMeo, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 o'clock P.M.


City Clerk


Assistant Clerk