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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager
FROM: Kristin McCombe
DATE: 04/28/2016
RE: CDBG Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

Summary: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) has been amended to include the AFFH Final Rule requirements found at 24 CFR 91.105 and 24 CFR 5. These revisions reflect the City's requirement to prepare and submit an Assessment of Fair Housing no later than October 1, 2016. A Public Hearing was held on April 26th, followed by a ten day Public Comment Period to solicit residents' input.

Background:
The Assessment of Fair Housing replaces the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (the AI) and will assist in fulfilling the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing as it relates to the CDBG program.

Key Issues:
Other revisions were made to the Plan that specify how the City will develop, revise, amend, adopt and revise the documents required as an entitlement community designated by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

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Environmental Impact:
None

Fiscal Impact:
No direct impact

Prior Actions:
The last CPP was adopted in 2004.

Alternatives:
No Practicable alternatives

Community Engagement:
Notice was published in the DNR on 04/15/2016. The purpose of this amended CPP is to increase community engagement in the CDBG program.

Recommendation:
City staff recommends that Council approve the amended CPP for submittal to HUD.

Attachments:
Public Hearing Notice

Review:
The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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