

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Managers Conference Room on
May 9, 2013

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Marcy Hoerster, Marija Weeden-Osborn, Pamela McCrory, Ted Schlagenhauf, and Angie Shafranek
Staff Liaison: Alison Hade
Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary
Guest: Carol Rush, League of Women Voters

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Jenny Mishler

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jessen called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Weeden-Osborn made a motion to approve the February 14th meeting minutes. Vice Chair Shafranek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Rush with the League of Women Voters of Larimer County (LWVLC) commented that there was a good turn out and knowledgeable panelist for the April 9th panel discussion regarding the Crisis in Affordable Housing. The LWVLC is working on a listing of agencies that help people with money management. She also attended the open house dedication at Mirasol and stated that it was “very impressive.” She spoke with some residents that are “thrilled” to live at Mirasol.

2013 CDBG ALLOCATIONS

Chair Jessen started the allocation discussion by giving some guidelines to the Commissioners. These guidelines included time for asking questions and discussion of how each commissioner would like to see how the money would be allocated, then a motion for a plan of allocation, if it's seconded then a comment phase, and finally a vote.

The First Action: The first amount to be allocated was the \$57,770.15 carried over from 2012 with two possible choices of agencies that would be able to spend it prior to September 30th. Habitat for Humanity would purchase land for affordable housing and House of Neighborly Service would purchase an elevator for the Community Life Center. After discussion, a motion was made by Chair Jessen to fund Habitat for Humanity the full amount, seconded by Commissioner Schlagenhauf and passing unanimously. (Attachment A)

Staff Hade informed the commissioners that, due to sequestration, HUD has not confirmed CDBG funding for 2013. It was determined that the amount to allocate would be \$205,000, which is the

amount HUD gave last year and additional \$17,963 that HUD will be refunding to the City. The refund is for a partial amount that was granted in 2009 to the Housing Authority for a portion of water rights purchased for Mirasol that included the clubhouse, which is ineligible for CDBG funds. The City is required to repay the \$17,963 out of the general fund and then HUD will give it back to be used for a new project.

The Second Action: Discussion ensued of how each commissioner would like to allocate the funds. A motion was made by Commissioner McCrory to fund according to Option A on Attachment B. Seconded by Commissioner Hoerster and amended by Commissioners Schlagenhauf, Weeden-Osborn and Vice Chair Shafranek (Option A amended). The amended motion failed to pass with 5 nays and 1 aye.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to show support for SAVA and more funding for LHIP and LHIP emergency, no drawdowns have been made from 2012 LHOP funds so it was agreed to not increase that amount from \$5,000. The changes would come from HNS bringing it down to \$152,700. Chair Jessen and Commissioner McCrory would like to give HNS the full amount of \$175,000, but discussion surrounding HNS's ability to raise the funds from other groups led to the next action.

The Third Action: A motion to allocate according to Option B on Attachment B was made by Commissioner Weeden-Osborn with the additional provision that the House of Neighborly Service's amount would flex higher or lower according to the amount from HUD. Seconded by Commissioner Schlagenhauf and passing with 4 ayes and 2 nays.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade and Commissioner McCrory have been involved with the Northern Front Range Continuum of Care and the implementation of the HEARTH Act into the CoC Program.

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Among the changes, the HEARTH Act consolidates the three separate McKinney-Vento homeless assistance programs (Supportive Housing program, Shelter Plus Care program, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation SRO program) into a single grant program known as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care and the year-round planning requirements that have long been encouraged as part of HUD's annual, competitive application for funding to assist homeless persons. The CoC Program is designed to assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. More broadly, the program is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow each community to tailor its program to the particular strengths and challenges within that community.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Due to a conflict of interest for Councilor Fogle on the Affordable Housing Commission (AHC), Councilor Trenary has been assigned as Council Liaison to the AHC and Councilor Fogle will take the Construction Advisory Board Council Liaison position.

Next Tuesday's council study session will focus on drought management and water restriction plan if June and July are very hot and dry.

May 28th is a study session and Council will discuss a fracking ban.

Council will have a study session on budget guidance next month and will discuss the value of programs with a multi-phase evaluation on all sectors of the community. Community involvement will be important, this will take a year or two to work through and make this shift happen. The 2014 budget will be looked at in August.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jessen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker

ATTACHMENT A

Applicant	Project	Request	Score	Allocation
Habitat for Humanity	Land Purchase	\$58,000	142.4	\$57,770
House of Neighborly Service	Public Facility - Elevator	\$58,000	171.3	\$0
	Amount Available for immediate allocation	\$57,770		

ATTACHMENT B

Applicant	Project	Request	Score	Option A	Option A amended	Option B
House of Neighborly Service	Public Facility - Community Life Center	\$175,000	174.5	\$172,700	\$162,700	\$152,700
Housing Authority	Larimer Home Improvement Program	\$40,000	142.2	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Housing Authority	Larimer Home Ownership Program	\$30,000	136.0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Housing Authority	Larimer Home Improvement Program Emergency Funds	\$20,000	125.3	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
SAVA	Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center	\$24,000	130.0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Volunteers of America	Handyman Program	\$17,300	133.9	\$17,300	\$17,300	\$17,300
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$306,300		\$205,000	\$205,000	\$205,000
	Currently available: \$187,355					
	Range of amount available: \$177,988 to \$213,722					approx. \$205,000