

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Manager's Conference Room on February 13, 2014

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Marcy Hoerster, Will Gresham, Vendia Berg, Barb Irelan, Diann Rice, Jill Angelovic, Pamela McCrory, and Ted Schlagenhaufer

Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen and Angie Shafranek

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner McCrory called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Rice made a motion to approve the January 9th meeting minutes. Commissioner Hoerster seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Irelan stated that the League of Women Voters will have a meeting in April on income inequality and how that affects low income housing. It will probably be at the Harmony Library in the evening. Commissioner Rice also stated that the League of Women Voters will have a meeting to discuss Sunshine Laws and Open Public Records Act. More information will be sent to the commissioners prior to these meetings.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Trenary attended Colorado Municipal League annual legislative workshop. It included a brief from National League of Cities. Most recent budget framework agreement included keeping CDBG at level funding.

~CDBG Disaster Relief Grants – will offer relief to emergency programs and not have to be addressed via the City of Loveland grant process. Loveland is in better shape than other communities affected by the floods; attributed to wise fiscal management over the years.

~The business relief fund through the City is looking like it will mostly go to businesses outside of city limits. Not sure how great this issue is at this point. February may be the only time City Council has cancelled two meetings because the study session material is not ready.

~Lago Vista alleged civil rights issues – Councilor Trenary monitors because it is in his geographic area. Commissioner Angelovic will check into consequences through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) with the property manager's conduct.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade updated the Commission on the LHIP draw down. The Housing Authority has fully drawn down the LHIP grant for the 2012-13 grant year.

~Priority Based Budgeting workshop on February 19th at 6:00pm. Commissioners Rice and Gresham will attend.

~Point in Time Count: The PIT revealed a long list of gaps in service and changes needed in programs. An example is a lack of meals on weekends. There is a meal but it is in the afternoon. This is a problem for people on medications.

~House of Neighborly Service update for moving forward on the 2013-14 grant. HUD has not issued anything on this yet.

2014 GRANT PROCESS

Staff handed out hard copies of the eligible projects. Discussion about GRID - The commissioners would like more information on the project. Council Trenary knows of a similar program to GRID called Veteran's Green Jobs, which is an employment training program that includes credits for home owners that do solar installations.

Habitat for Humanity – have been land banking. Commissioners would like to see how much land they have and their plan around this. Staff feels that this could be a question for them at the presentation. Staff will let the applicants know about the \$75,000 in “early” money and find out who would be able to utilize it.

Alternatives to Violence – They are beginning their capital campaign. They have potential of matching funds from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). HUD is still looking at the issue of what needs to be paid back from the previous grants for the Safehouse.

Operations Budget – not everyone needs to submit an operations budget, so staff will ask the applicants to submit one. Staff will have those available prior to the presentations.

Commissioners are welcome to visit each of the agency's projects. The grant proposals will have the contact information on it. If three or more commissioners go together it must be noticed as a meeting; please let the Community Partnership Office know.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUMMIT

Commissioners Ireland and Rice will be attending.

Goals and Accomplishments – the AHC would like to add: will look at homelessness and affordable housing needs in Loveland, including the scope of homelessness and strategies for addressing issues in Loveland.

AHC MISSION

Commissioners would like to take a look at the needs and gaps at the next meeting regular meeting. It was discussed to invite providers who are addressing homelessness and get their experiences working with the homeless. Groups to invite: Touchstone, Community Health Center, 137 and Front Porch.

Commissioners would like to find out; what are their observations, what do they see as the needs, do the agencies see that there is a gap compared with the information that came from the Point in Time count. Commissioners voiced concern over the Community Life Center; moving silos to a bigger silo.

They feel there is a big gap in communication and people are getting lost in the system.

NEXT STEPS

1- Finish Commissioner Berg's sheet – send iterations before June to have it finalized by the June meeting.

2- Invite groups to three discussion meetings - long term homelessness, family homelessness, and homeless youth. Asking these questions:

Who are you seeing?

What are the challenges?

What are the gaps that they see?

What are they doing to address this?

Discussion ensued and it was suggested that to help the homeless, focus needs to be on; employment, education and housing.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McCrory adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Hade and Beverly Walker