



Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

3:00 PM, Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting convened online via WebEx due to COVID-19 concerns.

Staff Liaisons: Lynne McConnell and Racheal Baker

Roll Call: Kathy Austin, Richard Bonebrake, Priscilla Buck, David Haines, Matt Martino, Ian Schmidt, Alison Hohengarten

Councilor Campbell

- **Public Comment Summary**

None received.

- **Murphy Crossing Assistance**

Matt Stuart is the City's Urban Renewal Manager. Oversees Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. Wishcamper intends to build in Murphy Crossing. Plan allows for grant or loan programs within area and Wishcamper is interested. Few committee volunteers will make recommendations in creating urban renewal program. BURA is the governing board for urban renewal districts. BURA is made up of Council. Justin Livingston is chair.

Murphy Crossing Urban Renewal Area is the west side of 97, south of Murphy. There was a master development plan prior to the recession; however, deals fell through. Missing ramps at Murphy interchange. Area has been vacant. Want to establish a loan grant fund allowing for affordable housing. Plan to use existing affordable housing programs as templates – Affordable Housing Fund, CDBG, SDC Exemptions, and Property Tax Exemptions. Council/BURA gave go ahead and use AHAC. Matt needs volunteers to guide him in setting up a program. Matt will return to AHAC in July/August to present program rules.

Matt Martino would like to participate. Lynne said Keith Wooden is interested. Kathy Austin or Cindy King can be third. Lynne will talk to Cindy.

- **CDBG Annual Action Plan**

Reviewed in March/April. Included recent public comments and processes and the additional funding from CARES Act and NSP transfers. No comments or questions from Committee. Will go before Council next week who will vote on as part of consent agenda.

- **Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)**

HUD issued waivers for public comment periods, meetings, etc. so needed to adjust CPP. Changed the word citizen to community member throughout the document. Updated per HUD terms. Will follow HUD waivers in the future. Will vote on at next meeting. Look at in more in depth before next meeting. In addition, there is a 10 day public comment period. Can't change title from Citizen to Community Member per HUD.

- **CDBG Timeliness Update**

Presented details of FY 2019 funding and how it has been spent. Currently in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year. Most recipients have already spent their funding or are in 4th quarter spending. Fair Housing Council needed to switch to virtual trainings. KOR finally got their LIFT funding so downpayments will start to go out in fall. Habitat working on down payment assistance. KOR working on 8th Street property.

- **Staff Report**

Lynne thanked Racheal for all her work behind the scenes. She has worked closely with sub-recipients in making sure they are spending funds.

There will be a quarterly committee Council check in on July 15th. If interested in attending, let Lynne or Cindy know. Council looking at goals and how they might need to be altered due to Coronavirus. Code worksession happening at Planning Commission regarding House Bill 2001 and SROs. Kathy Austin and Ian Schmidt are working with them.

Friday, June 19th at 11 am. Habitat is dedicating the last of their James Drive cottages. Would like a speaker if anyone is interested. Let Lynne know. Kathy Austin volunteered. Councilor Campbell said she will be happy to go. Will be virtual. Lynne will start an email with Robin Cooper from Habitat.

Loan subcommittee should be reconvened at some point. Need someone to replace Adam Bledsoe. Keith Wooden, Cindy King, Ian Schmidt, Matt Martino.

Matt Martino received an honor from Umpqua for his volunteerism. Thank you for all you do for the community.

Richard Bonebrake is terming of the committee. Last official meeting. Hopefully he can come back later once we can gather again. Everyone stated their appreciation of Richard and the perspective he brought to AHAC and his speaking out for most vulnerable. Richard said he was taken aback by all the praise and that it has been a pleasure to be on committee. He felt he had something different to contribute. He wished he could stay on. Will return when meetings are once again back in person.

Next meeting July 8th at 3 pm.

- **Adjourned at 3:46 pm.**