

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 September 13, 2012

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Marija Weeden-Osborn, Ted Schlagenhauf, Pamela McCrory, Jenny Mishler, Marcy Hoerster, and Angie Shafranek

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

Guest: Carol Rush, League of Women Voters

Council Liaison: John Fogle

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Scott Bader

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jessen called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Weeden-Osborn made a motion to approve the June 14 meeting minutes.

Commissioner McCrory seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Rush, with the League of Women Voters, said the League meetings will begin again in September. They are looking for suggestions on panel topics. They will have a topic on the rental situation, how expensive it is to rent and the lack of affordable rentals. The League will be doing research on how other communities deal with the lack of affordable rentals.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Fogle informed the Commission that the service clubs in Loveland will be painting 10-12 houses throughout Loveland for low income homeowners.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade informed the commissioners that the Analysis of Impediments draft will soon be available. The AI is a report that is required by HUD for the Community Development Block Grant.

The potential apartment complex near the North Wal-Mart is still trying for tax credits.

The Loveland Homeless Connect event is on November 2nd at Truscott Elementary School.

Volunteers are needed from 7-10:00 or 10-1:00. Commissioner McCrory suggested there be healthcare follow ups and making sure the clients have transportation and if they even went.

CDBG ALLOCATION AND REALLOCATION DISCUSSION

Staff Liaison Hade started the discussion off by letting the AHC know that two programs under one agency still has over \$30,000 to draw down before the end of September. Commissioner McCrory stated that having money that isn't spent in a timely manner isn't helping with affordable housing.

Commissioners discussed ideas on adding a question to the grant application on how and when the money from the previous grant cycle was spent if they are applying for the same program. Other ideas are to have them sit out a grant cycle if money wasn't spent timely, have a formal appeal process for extra time if needed, and just keeping in mind how agencies are doing with timeliness during the next grant cycle. Staff will see how other communities deal with this issue. It was motioned to table the discussion until the October meeting at which time staff will give an update on if the money wasn't spent in time and why, by Commissioner Mishler and seconded by Vice Chair Shafranek and passing unanimously.

ArtSpace is still trying for tax credits they will be submitting for the third time early next year. It was asked if the AHC could send a letter in support to CHFA. Staff will look into a form letter from ArtSpace.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission will meet in October.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jessen adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker