

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 November 8, 2012

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Pamela McCrory, 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: Marija Weeden-Osborn, Ted Schlagenhauf, Jenny Mishler, and Scott Bader

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jessen called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Shafranek 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, complimented staff on the Loveland Homeless Connect event, saying that she felt it went smoothly, it was friendly and had a great feeling.

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATES - SAVA

Jennifer Jones, Executive Director of SAVA, presented to the commission SAVA's program and the potential for SAVA to buy a building in south Fort Collins. The cost of the building is approximately \$400,000. SAVA has received \$175,224 from the City of Fort Collins. SAVA hopes to receive another \$47,000 from the City of Loveland and Larimer County. SAVA offers 24 hour support for victims of sexual assault. In 2011 they served 617 victims: 47 from Loveland, 423 from Fort Collins, and 147 from Weld County. SAVA's annual operating budget is \$523,000. The bulk of SAVA's funding comes from private donors.

GRANT PROCESS DISCUSSION

The AHC felt that the questions on the application did not need changes. They would like information on the applicants that are re-applying for the same projects, such as, previous usage and reallocation data. They would also like to see the agencies' grant history from the previous three years. They commented that the scoring of the proposals just starts the discussion and that all projects should follow the Consolidated Plan. The commissioners would like to meet with agencies after the 2013 grant process to discuss providing housing to the homeless. Staff Hade and Commissioner McCrory will look into Federal funding possibilities.

GRANT REALLOCATION OF 2012 UNSPENT FUNDS

The AHC discussed carrying over the amount of unspent funds (approximately \$22,700) to the 2013 grant year. They decided that it should be spent by May 2013 instead of by September 2013, the deadline for the 2013 grant funds. Motion to carry over the 2012 unspent funds to the next grant cycle was made by Commissioner McCrory and seconded by Vice Chair Shafranek and passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade attended the Community Mapping exercise in Fort Collins. She stated that she hoped to apply the concept to Loveland. Community Mapping is looking at all of the services offered by organizations working with the homeless. It includes analyzing their results and whether or not they are bringing people out of homelessness and ultimately housing them.

The Community Partnership Office will be participating in the Point in Time Homeless Count, January 22nd. The CPO will lead agencies in counting sheltered and unsheltered homeless in Loveland, Berthoud and Estes Park.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Fogle informed the commission on the Council's vote on lowering CEF's for multi-family units (4+ units) by 31% per unit. This will give developers a break and give them an incentive to build multifamily units. A Longmont developer is planning to build a 230-240 unit complex in early 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Mirasol's wait list opens next week, Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00am for placement in the 2nd phase of Mirasol in January – February 2013.

There has been no update on ArtSpace. They are applying for tax credits for the third time in early 2013.

The Commission will meet for their regular meeting January 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jessen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker