

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
July 11, 2013

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Marcy Hoerster, Pamela McCrory,
Ted Schlagenhauf, and Angie Shafranek

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary

Guest: Carol Rush, League of Women Voters
Rich Ekwall, Housing Authority of the City of Loveland

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jessen called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner McCrory made a motion to approve the May 9th meeting minutes. Commissioner Schlagenhauf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Rush stated that the League of Women Voters are working on producing a pamphlet on Money Matters.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Trenary attended the Colorado Municipal League Conference that covered a wide variety of topics. He attended a session on Colorado Downtowns Initiative on priority based budgeting. There may be enough signatures to have the Fracking Moratorium on November's ballot. Chair Jessen asked about City Council's progress on the decision for HNS's Community Life Center. Councilor Trenary stated that the City doesn't want the downtown HNS property, they will look purely at the operation of the new building. Staff will evaluate and discuss with the City Manager regarding the need for a recommendation from the AHC. The Study Session in which the CLC will be discussed is August 13th. The AHC will be invited to attend by HNS. It is possible the City Council will ask for comments.

Commissioner Schlagenhauf asked for a property update on Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology. Councilor Trenary stated that the first tenant will be a local company called Data Tracks, a railroad connected industry. There are about 5-6 other organization in negotiations with Cumberland Western. Announcements will be coming soon.

HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGNATION OF "THE EDGE APARTMENTS"

Rich Ekwall with the Housing Authority of the City of Loveland presented The Edge development project for Affordable Housing Designation. He stated that it is an opportunity to provide workforce housing. The Housing Authority plans to finance the project with CHFA tax credits. The project is on 4 and one half acres with a total of 70 units. There will be 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units all for households

with income under 60% AMI. Ten (1) bedroom, (1) bathroom units in a separate building will be for homeless Vets with wrap around services and programs, they will even have their own activity room. The Veterans Administration (VA) has noted that this arrangement is “more than acceptable.” Vets will have Veteran’s Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, but if the VA doesn’t have enough, the HACOL will have 10 Section 8 Vouchers to use.

Concerns: How to address NIMBYism

Zoned for purpose: Public hearings aren’t required. The HACOL’s philosophy for over 30 years has been to be good neighbors.

Chair Jessen called for a motion and Vice Chair Shafranek recused herself. Commissioner Schlagenhauf made a motion that the AHC support The Edge project which was seconded by Commissioner McCrory and passed unanimously. A letter of support will be sent to the City Council at the appropriate time.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade shared a letter from the House of Neighborly Service to the Affordable Housing Commissioners, thanking them for their support.

She also reported that Lynda Nielsen is no longer with Alternatives to Violence, so they will be hiring a new Executive Director. The Safehouse is still being pursued. This prompted discussion to invite ATV to September’s meeting to present their new proposal for a Safehouse.

Staff will keep track of any unspent CDBG funds that may result in the need for the AHC to reallocate.

GRANT PROCESS REVIEW

Commissioners suggested adding the information from the Consolidated Plan for scoring CDBG proposals so the funding can be spent on projects that meet the 5-year goals. They would like to see questions that relate to the ConPlan on a scale of 1-5 to replace the current scoring system, which only looks at the proposals and doesn’t compare them to the City’s goals. The CPO will email parts of the Consolidated Plan to Commissioners to review prior to the September meeting when this will be discussed more thoroughly.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Chair Vote - Commissioner McCrory motioned to nominate Chair Jessen as Chair and seconded by Commissioner Schlagenhauf, passing unanimously.

Vice Chair Vote – Commissioner McCrory motioned to nominate Vice Chair Shafranek as Vice Chair and seconded by Commissioner Hoerster, passing unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McCrory stated that the Northern Front Range Continuum of Care is looking at data collection through Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) with a coordinated point of entry and House of Neighborly Service’s Community Life Center would be perfect for a pilot program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jessen adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker