

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
October 10, 2013

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Marcy Hoerster, Pamela McCrory, Vendia Berg, Will Gresham, Barb Ireland, and Diann Rice

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary

Guests: Carol Rush, League of Women Voters
Nancy Moore, CPO's Workforce Center Intern
Matt Swaffer, Alternatives to Violence Board Member and Victims Advocate

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Ted Schlagenhauf and Angie Shafranek

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 July 11th meeting minutes. Chair Jessen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

~ Carol Rush with the League of Women Voters handed out a pamphlet, Money Matters, which was the result of the discussion on the high cost of renting and what people need to make it easier on them.

~ Alternatives to Violence board member and victim advocate, Matt Swaffer, asked to speak to the commission about the safehouse project. This was an informational update on what is happening with the project. ATV provides services to all victims of violent crime. Loveland doesn't currently have a safehouse shelter. The ATV board has been consulting with security persons and other operators of safehouses. The location they are looking at is in a good location, only two blocks from the police station, stated Mr. Swaffer. ATV is in need of a new office space and this location would provide that. ATV would sell their current office space and the land purchased with CDBG funding to help purchase the new location.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Trenary informed the commission the council will close the budget cycle next Tuesday night with the second reading. He stated that there will be a lot of supplemental changes in 2014. Priority based budgeting will be introduced with the community assessment of priorities and values. Loveland provides so much more than other communities in "quality of life" assets, such as parks,

libraries and the recreational center. It will be very important that ranking of these priorities has citizen participation. When revenues decline lower priorities will be cut.

~Flood update: damaged areas such as Marina Butte golf course, River's Edge open space, Viestenz-Smith mountain park, and the Fairgrounds Park will largely be reimbursed by FEMA.

~Election: Councilor Trenary thanked the League of Women Voters for the candidate forum they held. He is not up for re-election but with any changes to the council there could be liaison changes.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

~Staff Liaison Hade informed the commission that CDBG funding is not affected by the government shutdown.

~Approximately \$75,000 will be returned to HUD from the CDBG funding of the Mirasol Water Rights due to the fact that the Housing Authority built market rate homes on the property that was funded which is against HUD regulations.

~All but \$1,009.85 of the 2012-2013 CDBG funding was spent. The Larimer Home Improvement Emergency funds were not all spent.

~The Lincoln Hotel on the corner of Lincoln and 4th Street is under contract. Staff Liaison Hade stated her concerns after speaking to the buyer is he wants to raise the rents even though they will still be under the 70% AMI they will go up significantly from where they are at now.

~The Loveland Homeless Connect event will be held on October 25th at Truscott Elementary School, volunteers are needed.

GRANT PROCESS REVIEW

Commissioners discussed the grant process and the fact that the scoring isn't the main item that makes a difference in the decision of how projects are awarded grant funding. Timing of the project is very important. Chair Jessen suggested there be five topic areas and ratings based on the Consolidated Plan. The question of whether scoring backs up the allocation decision was made. The Affordable Housing Commission may consider factors other than scoring. Other considerations should be feasibility, timeline, number served, other funding, experience, income level served, and the capacity to do what they say they will do. They must first meet an objective of the consolidated plan, if yes, then, they can move on. The commission will decide priority of projects. They agreed to keep budget information. Staff will rewrite the grant application and have it for review at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

~Chair Jessen would like to have an orientation meeting for the new commissioners, staff will set up and publicly notice it since there will be more than three commissioners meeting.

~Commissioner McCrory would like to have Vanessa Finley with Homeward 2020 present at the next meeting the Fort Collins' homeless plan and what the Larimer County plan is.

~Commissioner Rice is on the Colorado Civil Rights Commission which requires the commissioners to do community outreach and she would like help to identify people of protected classes affected by the flood. It was suggested she contact House of Neighborly Service and the Red Cross.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner McCrory, Chair Jessen adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker