

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Manger's Conference Room on January 9, 2014

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Angie Shafranek, Marcy Hoerster, Will Gresham, Vendia Berg, Barb Irelan, and Diann Rice

Council Liaison: Ralph Trenary

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

Guest: Jill Angelovic – Potential Alternate Commissioner

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Chris Jessen, Pamela McCrory, and Ted Schlagenhauf

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Rice made a motion to approve the December 12th meeting minutes.

Commissioner Irelan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S VISIT

City Manager Cahill has been with the city for three years and has been visiting all of the Boards and Commissions. There are over 300 volunteers serving the city through Boards and Commissions alone. He stated that he appreciates all of the volunteers. There is an annual citizen survey allowing community participation every year. In February and March there will be a special opportunity for citizens to provide feedback for the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) process through a public comment portal via electronic and paper forms. PBB will help the City identify each program and understand the programs cost. It will also help identify the programs that citizens want from city government. Currently examples of our citizen's priorities are: a safe community, economically sound, and a clean community. City Council's role will be to list the priorities. Two members from each Board and Commission will be asked to meet and help define priorities at a workshop in early to mid-February. There will be key areas used to test the programs against. For example, police patrol costs under public safety costs many thousands of dollars, versus the Police Fishing Derby, which is a very popular program and only costs a few thousand dollars. Each area will be tested against the values expressed by the community. Required (mandated) programs will get a high score. No mandate or law may get a low score. The degree of dependence on the city to deliver will be another score. Other analytical data will come out the budget process, such as a better understanding of the cost of unfunded mandates. The PBB will produce value driven results and address what we want for the community.

Flood recovery didn't affect the budget negatively. The cost to the city is expected to be between \$20m - \$35m, 70-75% of which will be reimbursed from federal and state government.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Trenary expressed his pleasure that the AHC is reviewing their mission. Councilor Trenary asked that AHC members participate in the PBB priorities workshops; feedback is important, not just from the viewpoint of affordable housing, but from each individual's experience. City Council is shifting into the annual strategic planning meeting, the advance, on Saturday the 25th of January. The City Council will work on topics to discuss at the advance next Tuesday night, January 14th. He stated that he doesn't see any beneficial or detrimental impacts on affordable housing policies.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

Staff Liaison Hade reminded the AHC about the agency meeting Jan. 14th at 2:00 in the City Council Chambers. It's an opportunity for agencies and commissioners to meet each other and for the AHC to find out about some of the projects that may be coming up. Staff Hade has heard from two additional groups interested in applying for CDBG funding. At the agency meeting we will go through the grant guide and the schedule of presentations and answer any questions agencies have. The estimated available of \$290,000 in the grant guide includes the \$75,000 sent back from HUD, that was initially Mirasol water rights. We haven't received an answer from HUD regarding the approximately \$155,000 for House of Neighborly Service. \$75,000 will be ready earlier than October. The ATV funds of \$110,000 didn't go back to HUD because of the City's financial processes made it too complicated. ATV has potential of other funding to use on the purchase, so they haven't purchased the house yet.

2014 GRANT PROCESS

Staff Liaison Hade went over the grant guide and encouraged the commissioners to attend the agency meeting on January 14th.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUMMIT

Two Commissioners are needed to attend the Boards and Commissions Summit on February 27th. Commissioners Ireland and Rice volunteered to attend and Commissioner Berg will be an alternate.

AHC MISSION

AHC Mission hand out (attached). Comments on each numbered item:

1. The Point in Time (PIT) will be January 22nd. Ideas or options for the PIT would be to take last year's list and find out what happened to them. Do an extensive list that would include those on waiting lists for section 8.
2. Community Mapping: Find out who are homeless and what services are they using in the community.
3. Forum: Community information on why people are homeless in Loveland.

4. Look at best practices: Cities that have housing first models, etc.
5. Report on findings and present it to the City Council.

Discussion on PIT:

For HUD's information the PIT form doesn't count hospitalized or jailed homeless, if it happens on the date of the PIT.

Staff will get a count from the Thompson School District's Homeless Liaison. The schools can count those sleeping on the floor, but HUD doesn't.

Commissioner Irelan commented that she volunteers at Neighbor to Neighbor and they have seen a dramatic drop in clients. Other commissioners that work with housing clients have not seen a decline, just the opposite.

Task AHC to find out where the homeless are staying and who is homeless. Commissioner Hoerster will count those that come to the Workforce Center. Vice Chair Shafranek will gather information on clients on the wait-list, however, she already knows that most of the people that are on the list are "couch surfing".

Discussion on the Community Conversation:

Last year's Community Conversation brain stormed everything related to homelessness.

Staff Liaison Hade will send out the top priorities that resulted from the Community Conversation. There were 40 potential ideas that could happen in Loveland. She will also do a synopsis of the community mapping and send it out.

Staff Hade stated that the Hearth Act will affect communities; they are going to have to change how they are addressing homelessness. Changes will affect everything from shelters, supportive housing, Section 8, etc. HUD is focusing more on housing first and less on supporting shelters.

NEW BUSINESS

Priority Based Budgeting Workshops in February – Commissioners Grisham, Rice and Vice Chair Shafranek volunteered to attend, but it would depend on the date of the workshops.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Shafranek adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker