

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Manager's Conference Room on February 9, 2017

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Will Gresham, Mechelle Martz-Mayfield, Jerry Beers, Barb Ireland, Diann Rice, Marcy Kasner

Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

City of Loveland Staff: Rod Wensing, Derek Turner

City Council Liaison: Leah Johnson

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Gil Barela, Jill Angelovic, Ranae Alaniz

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rice called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ireland made a motion to approve the minutes for January 12, 2017. Commissioner Martz-Mayfield seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

- Foundry Project financing package is approved. This package saves the City of Loveland 250,000 per year in interest. Groundbreaking is scheduled for mid-March 2017.
- Council discussing creating a safer travel area near the cemetery and Taco Johns on Lincoln.
- Working with CDOT on the I-25 interchanges with Hwy 34 and Hwy 402 to coincide with other CDOT projects.
- Parks and Rec. Department and Public Works Department are working on Emerald Ash Borer removal and education.
- Resolution approved to support Habitat for Humanity and Loveland Housing Authority as the City's preferred housing partners.
- Broadband service issue will be updated at the next meeting. Will be addressed again at the Feb. 21st City Council meeting.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

- Point in Time homeless count is almost done. Currently the count is about 135 people. 2016 was 99 people. However, shelter programs have increased this year making it easier to find homeless individuals.
- Community Partnership Office is asking for the Commission's support for a part-time temporary position to be added to the CPO to work on HUD regulation quality assurance and contracting. Commissioner Rice made a motion to recommend to City Council that a part-time temporary position be added to the CPO budget to help with HUD regulation compliance. Commissioner Kasner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Assistant City Manager Rod Wensing added that this is being requested in the form of a consulting line item in the budget.

CDBG PRE APPLICATIONS

Organization Name	Project Name	Amount Requested
Alternatives to Violence Inc.	Alternatives to Violence, Inc. Housing Project	\$56,500
Food Bank for Larimer County	FBLC Food Distribution Warehouse	\$120,000
Live the Victory, Inc dba The Matthews House	The Matthews House-Loveland	\$175,000
Neighbor to Neighbor, Inc	Willows Senior Housing: structural and exterior rehab	\$35,000
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch	Handyman Program	\$25,000
Total Requested		411,500

\$315,000 is available to allocate, \$90,000 of this should be spent prior to October 2017. Presentations will be May 1st, allocations will be May 3rd. Full proposals are due March 30th.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CODE

Affordable Housing Commission seeks to strengthen the deed restriction for affordable housing to encourage keeping these units affordable while providing a hardship waiver process that allows for paying off the incentive to the City of Loveland. Commissioner Beers made a motion that the goal of the AHC be to maintain affordable housing inventory and encourage the City of Loveland to revise the Affordable Housing code in a way that strengthens deed restrictions and allows for hardship waivers to remove the deed restriction (with a repayment to the City either by precedent or negotiation) with a first pass through the Affordable Housing Commission and an appeal process that includes consideration by City Council. Commissioner Kasner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Beers made a motion that the affordable housing designation process and the fee waiver process are separate and distinct steps wherein the Affordable Housing Commission reviews affordable housing designation applications and extends a recommendation to City Council; fee waiver requests go directly to City Council and are separate requests. Commissioner Kasner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Martz-Mayfield made a motion to continue the discussion of repayment tables for for-profit developers until the next meeting. Commissioner Beers seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Planning Commission will hear affordable housing code proposed changes on Feb. 27th, City Council will see a first reading of the code on March 21st and second reading on April 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ATTENDANCE- Clarification provided by the City Attorney's office that Commissioner members are expected to attend at least 70% of the regular meetings annually. Failure to do so will result in removal from the commission. This is the expectation that will be monitored moving forward.

Boards and Commissions Summit is March 9th at the Rialto. Commissioner Beers and Commissioner Martz-Mayfield will attend. This is also the same night as the next AHC regular meeting so that meeting will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Callies