

JOINT MEETING of the AFFORDABLE HOUSING and HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONS

A joint meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing and Human Services Commissions was held at the Police Institute on February 12, 2018

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Affordable Housing Commissioners: Barb Irelan, Lauren Daley, Chris Thorp, Gil Barela, Will Gresham, Ranae Alaniz, Diann Rice, Amanda McDonald

Human Services Commissioners: JoAnne Warner, Rebecca Thorp, Jody Shaddock-McNally, Sara Lipowitz, Carolyn Benson, Denise Selders, Stan Taylor

Other: Council Member Jersvig, Staff Hade, Valerie Gallegos, Cal Gabelman, Eric Fried (representing John Kefalas)

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

Introduction

Commissioner were asked to introduce themselves.

History of the Community Housing Development Fund (CHDF)

The creation CHDF was discussed, including the request for predictable fee waivers, history of fee waivers with preferred partners, and other potential spending identified to date.

Small Groups

Commissioner were divided into three groups to discuss potential projects or programs that could be explored to produce a result in Loveland. Commissioners were asked to identify a target population as well. The three groups came up with the following ideas:

Group 1.

- Need for units with four or more bedrooms and additional MF housing
- Loveland Housing Authority (LHA) waitlist
- Underlying issues for people living in public housing and need for services

Group 2

- Need for (group) home for homeless youth
- Small units of approximately 100 sf (permanent supportive housing)

Group 3

- Rapid re-housing (RRH)

Next Steps

1. Follow-up with LHA and their waitlist. Potential funding for a project could come in mid-2018. (Alison)
 - LHA did not get the grant to do this work but will continue to try to find a way to fund the project.
2. Follow-up with LHA about their Resident Initiatives program and ask for information for both commissions. (Alison)
3. Ask LHA for an estimate of the number of needed 4-bedroom units. (Alison)
 - LHA determined the need for 4-bedroom apartments to be 10 to 12. They do not have any 4-bedroom units.
4. Contact Care Housing about working in Loveland. (Alison)
5. Ask TSD for number of literally homeless students and the break-down as to where students are sleeping. (Jody)
6. Ask Matthews House for number of literally homeless youth in Loveland (unaccompanied/emancipated). (Alison)
 - MH is working with two homeless youth.

7. Work on design and cost of a 100 sf home. (Cal, Lauren) Work on same for larger units. (Alison)
8. Meet with VOA to discuss their SSVF program and successes, including cost breakdown and housing retention. (Alison)
 - Met with Betsy Sullivan on 2/27/18. VOA has worked with about 600 people (some in large families) over six years. They believe that should someone lose their housing they will get in touch with VOA to get rehoused. Over the last six years they have worked with 33 people who have lost their housing (6%).
 - The cost per household is generally between \$800 and \$2,000 and they hope to spend only \$1,000 on average. VOA has \$110,000 a year for rent/deposit assistance and has spent about 70% so far (year starting 10/1/17). They frequently run out of money by the end of August. They spend a fair amount of their rent funding to keep people housed.
 - Ideal SPDAT scores for this type of housing is between 4 and 8, although they have housed people with higher scores successfully.
 - An idea number of clients per case manager is 12 to 15.
9. Determine number of Loveland homeless likely to be successful with RRH. (Alison)
 - Valerie will start working on this in March.