

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Manager's Conference Room
August 8, 2019

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Christopher Thorp, Jerry Beers, Diann Rice, Jennifer Swanty, Bruce Croissant, Gil Barela and Lauren Daley

Staff: Alison Hade, Brandy Benson and Claire Havelda

City Council Liaison: Steve Olson

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioner: Debbie Bendell, Ranae Alaniz

City Council Liaison: Leah Johnson

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Beers called the meeting to order 5:46pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rice motioned to approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2019. Commissioner Croissant seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTATION :

Steve Adams provided feedback on a survey the commission took in 2018. Four surveys were completed. Commissioners asked for another opportunity to provide feedback. Steve Adams will schedule another commission meeting once additional data has been gathered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Commissioner Daley shared information about the Housing Now Conference located in Keystone this upcoming October.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Marijuana dispensaries and other related businesses will move forward to be added to the ballot this November.
- City of Loveland half-cent sales tax is on the agenda for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 City Council Meeting.
- The Community Housing Development Fund may lose a significant amount of money as budgets are cut.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE COMMENTS:

- The Homeless Strategic Plan study session is on the agenda for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 and will conclude the process. The CPO will continue conversations with council about next steps.
- The CPO will update commissioners on the status of legal documents (ADA, Title VI) submitted by CDBG funded agencies over the next year or so.
- The CHDF was discussed based on Councilor Olson's comment about budget cuts.

ADVISING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND RULES PRESENTATION:

Claire Havelda, Assistant City Attorney presented board and commission rules. Commissioners asked questions to clarify any concerns.

SUBORDINATION POLICY:

The Commission listened to the staff recommendation on a subordination route that included completing several policies and scheduling a study session with council next year to suggest that the commission be granted decision-making authority. The first policy is subordination on anything but a 1st mortgage.

The commission discussing an application process to show the hardship or change in life circumstances that the applicant is experiencing that includes a statement and financials. Also discussed was the commission's mission of retaining or increasing the affordable housing stock in Loveland. The commission was not able to make a recommendation on the applicant that made a presentation several months ago because a quorum was not present. Staff Hade will call the applicant to discuss and the item will be moved to September.

Commissioner Swanty motioned that we allow for exceptions to the current code. Commissioner Daley seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. This conversation lead the Commission to express their willingness to change from an advisory board to a decision-making authority.

RENTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSE:

The commission discussed additional information provided by Assistant City Attorney Havelda and will continue this work in the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Benson