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MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:00 PM

Housing and Community Development Act Committee

Members Present: Ald. Rue Simmons, Ald. Wynne, Ald. Rainey, D. Su, D. Ohanian

Members Absent: Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Wilson, H. Rodriguez, G. Mackey

Presiding Member: Ald. Rue Simmons, Committee Chair

Staff: S. Flax, M. Johnson, J. Wingader, M. Gibeson

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Rue Simmons declared a quorum of the Housing and Community Development Act Committee and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. With new City staff and new members present, introductions were made.

Suspension of the Rules

Members participated electronically or by phone. Ald. Wynne moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Su; the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Input on the [Draft 2021 Action Plan](#) and [Citizen Participation Plan Amendment](#)

Staff confirmed that no written public comments were received and that audience participants had no comment. After receiving no public comment, the 30-day public comment period for the Draft 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Amendment closed.

Discussion and Vote to Recommend Approval of the Draft 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan to City Council Following Receipt of 2021 Entitlement Grant Amounts

Staff reviewed the process for presenting the Draft Action Plan and soliciting public comment; staff also reviewed the estimated grant amount allocated by goal and the process for submitting the plan to City Council and HUD. Ald. Wynne recommended approval of the draft 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan to City Council following receipt of 2021 Entitlement Grant amounts, seconded by Mr. Ohanian; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Review and Allocation of 2021 CDBG Funding for City of Evanston Programs and Project Based on and Estimated 2021 CDBG Grant Amount of \$1,650,000

Public Comment

Staff introduced the applications for review including CDBG Targeted Code Enforcement, CDBG Housing Rehabilitation, Alley Paving East McDaniel/North Nathaniel, and Alley Paving East of Ridge Ave/North of Brummel St. and called for

questions. There was discussion about the number of homes inspected by the Targeted Code Enforcement program, the process for bringing properties up to code, and the process for reviewing the performance of inspectors. Staff stated that the goal was to bring properties up to code and make properties safer which is best achieved in partnership between landlord, tenant, and City staff.

Staff also reviewed changes to the Housing Rehab. program including the proposed partnership with Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) to administer the program. There was discussion about the formation of the partnership and how administrative costs were determined and how the partnership would save costs and reach people of greatest need. Rob Anthony, CPAH President, discussed the agency's history and other community partners; he described how CPAH's programs benefit low/moderate income residents including helping people age in place and the impact of COVID-19 on FY 2020 projects.

Ald. Rue Simmons moved approval of the contract with Community Partners for Affordable Housing to support the City's Housing Rehabilitation program, seconded by Ald. Wynne; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Staff described the alley paving projects requesting CDBG funds including the survey used to prove income eligibility for the alley at East McDaniel/North Nathaniel. Ald. Rue Simmons moved approval of allocation of 2021 CDBG funding for City programs and projects, including the alley paving projects, funding for Code Enforcement and for Housing Rehabilitation, based on the estimated grant amount of \$1,650,000, seconded by Ald. Rainey; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Approval of HCDA Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020

Ald. Rainey moved approval of the meeting minutes of December 17, 2019, seconded by Ald. Wynne; a roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 5-0.

Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

Ald. Rue Simmons moved approval of the 2021 meeting dates seconded by Ald. Wynne; a roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Comment

Tina Paden provided feedback about inspections in CDBG target areas and questioned the CPAH grant and process; she closed by suggesting that tenants be held responsible for rental violations.

Staff Report

No staff report.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Ald. Wynne moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ald. Rainey; it was approved unanimously and the meeting

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was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
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