



MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:00 PM

Housing and Community Development Act Committee

Members Present: Ald. Wilson, Ald. Wynne, Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Rue Simmons, Ald. Rainey, D. Su, H. Rodriguez

Members Absent: G. Mackey

Presiding Member: Ald. Rue Simmons, Committee Chair

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

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 7:06 pm.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Members participated electronically or by phone. Ald. Wilson moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Ald. Rainey; a roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ald. Rainey moved approval of the meeting minutes of December 17, 2019, seconded by Ms. Su; a roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. Staff Updates

Staff provided updates on the following:

- 2020 CDBG Programs and Projects
- Housing Rehab Program
- McDaniel Ave/Nathaniel PI Alley Income Survey
- CARES Act Funding

B. 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funding Allocation by Goals

Recommendation for Draft 2021 Action Plan and Reallocation of up to \$300,000 of Unexpended 2019 CDBG Entitlement Funding to the 2019 CDBG-CV Amended Action Plan to Protect, Prepare for, and Respond to Coronavirus

Ms. Flax explained how funding by goal would allow City staff to create the 2021 Action Plan and submit for public comment prior to January 1, 2021. Staff also provided a

proposed budget and community needs. There was discussion about resources for landlords and the implementation of a landlord mitigation program. There was also discussion about childcare and food assistance programs. Staff agreed to gather additional input from Committee members.

Staff provided information about the micro enterprise grant program funded using the City's CDBG-CV award including award amounts, eligibility, and coordination with staff from the Economic Development Department. There was discussion about program concerns including overlap with other grant programs and potential to favor home based businesses. There was further discussion about qualifications and ways to consider businesses that may have received additional support. Ms. Flax outlined how staff would address concerns.

Ms. Flax provided information about funding by goal for the 2021 Action Plan including allocations based on grant estimate as well as a timeline for the application process. Staff introduced the idea of delaying applications for public services to better understand challenges faced by the community as a result of coronavirus to ensure funds serve those most in need.

Ald. Rainey moved approval of the funding allocation by goals for the draft 2021 Action Plan and reallocation \$300,000 of unexpended 2019 CDBG Entitlement Funding to the 2019 CDBG-CV amended Action Plan to protect, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus, seconded by Ald. Rue Simmons; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Ald. Rue Simmons noted the importance of completing the Census and requested information about responses to date. Ms. Flax reported that there were extensive efforts in the fifth and eighth wards and that response to date exceeded responses received in 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Ald. Braithwaite moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ald. Rue Simmons; it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Flax
Housing and Grants Manager