



## MEETING MINUTES

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:00 PM

#### **Housing and Community Development Act Committee**

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

Members Absent: Ald. Braithwaite, G. Mackey

Presiding Member: Ald. Rue Simmons, Committee Chair

#### **Mental Health Board**

Members Present: B. Feiler, I. Ziaya, S. Johnson, R. Orr, G. Carpenter, and D. Cravens

Members Absent: A. Sood

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. Rue Simmons moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Ald. Rainey; the motion was approved 7-0.

#### **Update on 2021 CDBG Public Services and Mental Health Board Funding Process**

Staff provided updates on actions undertaken to assess community needs and inform the funding allocation process for 2021. High needs include housing support, food and childcare for front line and low/moderate income residents. Also discussed was the need for mental health services and options to services more available to those most in need. Supporting small, local businesses continues to be a need; staff outlined the micro grant program for low income micro enterprises that was underway.

#### **2020 Activities Update**

Staff provided information about the correction to the formula used by HUD to determine grant amounts and the effect on City awards for FY 2020, as well as program updates for Learning Bridge, CNE, Northwest CASA, Open Studio Project, Girl Scouts, and CJE's public facilities project. The Draft 2021 Action Plan and Revised Citizen Participation Plan were posted for public comment on Monday, November 16, 2020. The 30-day public comment period will close at the HCDA meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Changes to the Citizen Participation Plan include the addition of virtual meetings during publicly declared emergencies and changes to the application

for funding process to allow funds to be allocated on a rolling basis to better respond to changing needs in the community.

Staff closed by reviewing reallocations to CDBG-CV public services, providing updates to the federal budget process, and reviewing funding by goal for FY2021, specifically Code Enforcement, Housing Rehab, and a process for preliminarily funding capital improvement projects.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Approval of HCDA Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2020**

Ald. Wilson 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 7-0.

**Staff Report**

No staff report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, Ms. Su moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ald. Wynne; it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Wingader  
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