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MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Room 2402

Present: Chair Ellen Cushing, Suzanne Calder, Sidney Caselberry, Noelle Gilbreath, Moika Long, Alderman Eleanor Revelle

Absent: Vice-Chair Geri Palmer, Sandra Hill

Staff: Patricia Efiom, Equity and Empowerment Coordinator; Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst

Call to order

Chair Ellen Cushing called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum present.

Approve minutes of February 28, 2018 meeting

Alderman Revelle moved for approval, Sidney Caselberry seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Ellen Cushing asked about the breakdown of \$1.4 million in Continuum of Care funding that went to Evanston organizations, and requested a report on said funding and HMIS clients for the next meeting.

Public comment

Doug Sharp, 9th Ward, wants to know where IHO and affordable housing work is going. He asked the Commission to urge Council to move work forward.

Patricia Efiom, Equity and Empowerment Coordinator, provided updates on the City's Equity and Empowerment Commission. The Commission meets on the fourth Thursday every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at various locations. She also said the City will be applying an equity lens to its budgeting process for FY2019.

Open Communities Landlord-Tenant Application for Funding

Item was removed from the agenda and rescheduled for a later date, TBD.

Commission Vacancies Updates

Chair Ellen Cushing has put a list together of people that could potentially fill the vacancies. Commissioners discussed the need to have people with different backgrounds on the Commission.

Staff Reports

Chair Ellen Cushing and Sue Calder will work on reviewing Affordable Housing Plan from 2009.

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Commissioners said that they would like the new commissioners to be a part of the affordable housing plan discussions. Chair Cushing and Ald. Revelle will work on the affordable housing plan outside of Commission meetings, and divide it into pieces to have groups work on.

Staff provided updates on the following pieces of housing work: Coach houses, the Trammel Crow Planned Development at 1727 Oak, the HOW project at 2215 Dempster, the Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program, and the rental assistance program.

Chair's Report

Chair Ellen Cushing reported the following: She and others are meeting with Mayor to talk about the Commission vacancies; the League of Women Voters is looking at boards, committees and commissions overall at the City and will be meeting with the City Manager, Mayor, and Chair Cushing – the Chair will report back on this later; April 30th is the next City Council affordable housing quarterly updates meeting; “A Home on the Lake” (play) will be at the Piven Theatre Workshop from April 21 – May 20, 2018.

New/Other Business

No new business.

Adjournment

Alderman Revelle motioned for adjournment, Noelle Gilbreath seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the commission is Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in room 2402.

Respectfully submitted,
Savannah Clement, Housing Policy and Planning Analyst