



## **HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2402

Members Present: Ald. Holmes, Ald. Wilson, Ald. Miller, G. Makey, S. Jones, C. Goddard, J. Sanke

Members Absent: Ald. Rainey, Ald. Braithwaite, M. Miro

Staff Present: S. Flax, N. Holden-Corbett

Presiding Member: Ald. Holmes

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### **CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Ald. Holmes declared a quorum of the Housing and Community Development Act Committee and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2016 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Ald. Miller moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Ald. Wilson. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION**

Members of the HCDA Committee agreed there is overlap as both HCDA and MHB fund social services throughout Evanston. It was agreed that there are benefits to making consolidated funding decisions, as some non-profits are funded by both MHB and CDBG. It would also be advantageous to have staff recommend which funding source is most appropriate for agencies/programs, taking into consideration that CDBG has more stringent regulations and delayed disbursement of resources.

HCDA Committee members recognized the knowledge and commitment of the MHB and noted that the HCDA Committee currently does not include any mental health experts. They also noted that MHB members may not have expertise in capital projects (majority of CDBG funding). There was some discussion over whether the proposed consolidation would affect the prioritization of mental health needs or services to address those needs. It was acknowledged that both CDBG and MHB fund mental health services but the majority of funding was for a broad range of social services to address the needs of Evanston's at risk residents.

The HCDA Committee agreed that a combined committee would need to have members with expertise in social services, mental health, and capital projects, as well as members from low-moderate income neighborhoods. It was noted that the aldermen on the HCDA Committee made it a Special Council Committee whose recommendations go directly to City Council, which is required to meet the current funding schedule.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No citizen comments.

**STAFF REPORTS**

S. Flax noted that City staff would be submitting a summary of the committee/board consolidation discussion to the City Manager's Office for review and that a determination will be made at the following Rules Committee meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ald. Holmes requested a motion to adjourn. It was moved by C. Goddard and seconded by J. Sanke. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nora Holden-Corbett  
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