



MEETING MINUTES

JOINT MEETING: HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE and MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 7:00 PM
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, room G300

Housing and Community Development Act Committee

Members Present: Ald. Wilson, Ald. Wynne, M. Miro, G. Mackey, H. Rodriguez

Members Absent: Ald. Rainey, Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Rue Simmons, D. Su

Presiding Member: Ald. Wilson, Committee Chair

Mental Health Board

Members Present: J. Sales, S. Johnson, J. Haines, R. Orr, D. Cravens, G. Carpenter, B. Feiler, A. Sood,

Members Absent: I. Ziaya

Presiding Member: J. Sales, Board Chair

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Social Services Review Summary

Staff provided an overview of the work done by the Social Services Core Committee (SSCC). Headed by Deputy City Manager Kimberly Richardson, the SSCC reviewed social service programs provided by the City and supported by City funds and developed recommendations to address systemic inequities in service delivery. Staff also discussed use of a Racial Equity Impact Assessment tool in the review of applications from external agencies requesting funding for programs in FY 2020.

Community Needs Assessment Survey Report

Staff presented information from the Community Needs Assessment Survey whose purpose is to gather input about the City's housing and community development needs, particularly for low and moderate income residents. Additional analysis will be done to see if there are substantive differences in responses to other questions between low/moderate income residents and higher income residents, as well as geographical differences in response. The survey will inform the development of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and guide the use of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding.

Ald. Wilson asked that information be included in the open data portal with the goal of making it accessible to residents, service providers and any interested parties. Staff will work with the IT Department on this. Mr. Mackey requested that staff break out the needs of business with gross revenues of \$50,000 or less vs larger businesses to determine any differences. Staff agreed to provide this at the next meeting. There was discussion about the outreach process that used community advocates to engage residents who typically do not respond to City surveys and how this could be used to establish best practices for getting more representative community input in the future. Ms. Sales noted wording used related to disability and mental health and the importance of clearly differentiating between those groups. The presentation closed with a discussion of revisions to Evanston's Low/Moderate Income Census Block Groups map based on new data from HUD and American Community Survey. Staff explained how the new map will impact CDBG funded projects including alley and street repaving. Staff is also working on a new Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) comprising census tracts 8092, 8093, and part of 8096, which is a very close match to the part of Evanston that was redlined on the 1940 map. This area has long experienced less investment than other parts of the City and programs like CDBG Housing Rehab could be tailored to address the impacts of that institutionalized practice as part of the NRSA plan. There was additional discussion about alley special assessment and code enforcement and the way these programs can increase equitable outcomes for residents.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Wilson called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Ald. Wynne and seconded by Mr. Mackey. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
Grants and Compliance Specialist