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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes

Friday, May 15, 2015

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Members Present: Chair Katie McDonald, Vice-Chair Steve Curley, Diana Barker, Suzanne Michaels, Joni Powell, Lori Scharton, Whitney Swander, Geoff Wall excused: *Angela Quattlebum*

City Staff: Chelsea Dickens, *Grant Coordinator*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: None

Media: None

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum of members (7 of 9) present. Ms. Swander arrived at 3:10 p.m. after the minutes were approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (5/0/2): Mr. Curley moved to approve the April 17, 2015, minutes. Ms. Powell seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Barker, Mr. Curley, Ms. Michaels, Ms. Powell, and Ms. Scharton voting in favor and Ms. McDonald and Mr. Wall abstaining due to their absence from the April meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Work Plan

Ms. Dickens presented the work plan for fiscal year 2015-2016 which was approved at the April 2015 meeting and responded to member concerns about staffing and funding of the Fair Housing and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan strategies.

Committee members did not recommend any changes to the adopted work plan.

B. Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP3)

Ms. Dickens reviewed (PowerPoint) program basics, history, and current snapshots of this program in Redmond. Current market conditions (cash buyers, buyers paying above the listed price) and two program requirements – homes must be foreclosed or abandoned and purchase price must be 1% below current market (appraised) value – are making it almost impossible for the City to purchase appropriate homes. Redmond's contract, so far, has been continually extended and the City's current goal is to spend all funds available by March 9, 2016.

Committee discussion covered sources of program income, amending Activity A for Activity B, the process used to get homes for people, barriers to effective use of program funds, and asking the state or HUD to re-evaluate program requirements and deploy funds more flexibly. Committee members asked Ms. Dickens to e-mail the PowerPoint to them.

C. CDBG Status Update

Ms. Dickens provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant Program. City Council was very impressed and unanimously adopted the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan (via Ordinance 2015-16) at its meeting on May 5, 2015. No public comments were received. Councilors expressed concern about the Boys and Girls Club not receiving funding from the CDBG program in 2015-2016 and staff explained the rationale behind this committee's decision. The City has submitted the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan to HUD. Regarding disposition of 2014-2015 funding, she reported the City signed a contract with OpCo and a contract with the Boys and Girls Club. The City has not yet signed a contract with Housing Works as she is still working on the environmental review for the property at SW Reindeer Avenue and 17th Street.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Ms. Scharton thanked Ms. Dickens for the helpful PowerPoint presentation.

STAFF COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015, 3 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED by the Housing and Community Development Committee and SIGNED by me this
__17th__ day of __July__, 2015.

ATTEST:

_____/s/ Katie McDonald_____
Katie McDonald
Chair

_____/s/ Heather Richards_____
Heather Richards
Community Development Director