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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 15, 2019

Redmond City Hall, 411 SW 9th Street – Room 210, Redmond, Oregon

Members Present: Chair Geoff Wall, Diana Barker, Heather DeWolf, Theresa Thorson, Marion Tripp
(*absent: Vice-Chair Whitney Swander; 3 vacant positions*)

Youth Ex Officio: **Vacant**

City Staff: Jim Long, *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator*; John Roberts, *Deputy City Manager*; Keith Witcosky, *City Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: J. W. Terry and Kathy Skidmore, *Central Oregon Veterans & Community Outreach, Inc.*;
Robin Cooper Engle, *Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity*; Sarah Kelley, *Thrive Central Oregon*;
Suzanne Michaels and Teresa Hogue, *The Redmond Council for Senior Citizens (Redmond Senior Center)*; Rebecca Parker

Media: None

(Agenda items appear in discussion order. The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of committee members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wall called the regular meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) to order at 3:06 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2019, with a quorum present (5 of 6 members).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Parker said she was a Redmond resident, had a longstanding interest in housing, and had applied to join the HCDC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 18, 2019
2. February 20, 2019

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Ms. Thorson moved to approve the January 18 and February 20, 2019, minutes as presented. Ms. Tripp seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2019 CDBG FUNDING – APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Long presented copies of applications submitted by the following four organizations:

1. Central Oregon Veterans & Community Outreach, Inc. Request: \$10,000
Executive Director J. W. Terry discussed COVO programs, demographic served, strategic partners (St. Vincent dePaul, Homeless Leadership Coalition, Jericho Road, Veterans of Foreign Wars), and how COVO would use CDBG funding to expand outreach services for homeless and low-income residents in Redmond. Any funds awarded would be appreciated.

Committee concerns included the number of Redmond people being served now, how COVO would use CDBG funds, and number of Redmond service hours gained through this award.

2. Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity Request: \$200,000
Director of Development Robin Cooper Engle read a written statement on how the recent merger of the Bend and Redmond Habitat for Humanity organizations would improve services provided to Bend and Redmond residents. CDBG funds would be used to help purchase land on which to build 10 Habitat townhomes for low- and moderate-income families at less than 80% of Area Median Income in Redmond. Any funds awarded would be appreciated.

Committee concerns included the number of Redmond people being served now, homeowner qualifications, and home sale restrictions.

3. Thrive Central Oregon Request: \$37,500
Executive Director Sarah Kelley provided an overview of Thrive's purpose (connecting individual needs with community resources), programs, and Redmond's needs. CDBG funds would be used to cover the cost of a full-time bilingual (Spanish) Community Outreach Advocate in Redmond. Any funds awarded would be appreciated.

Committee concerns included coordination with Latino Community Association.

4. Redmond Senior Center Request: \$37,500
Volunteers Suzanne Michaels and Theresa Hogue discussed the background of the Redmond Council for Senior Citizens, programs/services, intergenerational needs due to population and demographic changes, strategic partners (Neighbor Impact, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, Cascades East Transit), and funding base. CDBG funds would be used to hire permanent staff – an Executive Director and a Resource Development Director – to implement the new strategic plan developed by local community leaders. Any funds awarded would be appreciated.

Committee concerns included definition of a “senior,” transportation services, and operating hours.

COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS – FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Thorson declared a conflict of interest due to her being the Redmond Senior Center Board President.

Mr. Wall declared a potential conflict of interest due to his employer, Housing Works, partnering with Thrive (rent-free office in Housing Works building) and COVO (shared clientele). He stated his employer did not receive any funds from Thrive or COVO and would not benefit from CDBG funds awarded to those organizations.

Mr. Long provided a breakdown of CDBG funds available to the City for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Motion 2 (5/0/0): Ms. Thorson moved to award \$172,713 to Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity for land acquisition. Ms. Barker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 3 (4/0/1): Ms. Tripp moved to award \$10,000 to Central Oregon Veterans Outreach to expand and report on its outreach efforts in Redmond. Ms. Barker seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Barker, Ms. DeWolf, Ms. Tripp, and Mr. Wall voting in favor, none opposed, and Ms. Thorson abstaining due to her stated conflict of interest.

Committee members discussed the merits of the Thrive and Redmond Senior Center proposals. Concerns included how recipients would monitor income levels of their clients.

Motion 4 (4/0/1): Ms. Barker moved to award \$14,928 to Thrive to expand services in Redmond. Ms. Thorson seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Barker, Ms. DeWolf, Ms. Tripp, and Mr. Wall voting in favor, none opposed, and Ms. Thorson abstaining due to her stated conflict of interest.

Motion 5 (4/0/1): Ms. DeWolf moved to award \$14,928 to Redmond Senior Center. Ms. Tripp seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Barker, Ms. DeWolf, Ms. Tripp, and Mr. Wall voting in favor, none opposed, and Ms. Thorson abstaining due to her stated conflict of interest.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Wall announced Joni Powell had resigned.

Ms. Tripp asked what to do with the ever-increasing amount of paper she's receiving due to her service on this committee. Mr. Long recommended she recycle it.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Long outlined federal reporting requirements. About 25 people attended the May 14 public meeting he held on the draft Consolidated Plan. The #1 need the attendees identified pretty much matched the needs analysis and data about Redmond's need for more affordable rental housing. City Council will hold a public hearing on the draft Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan on May 28, 2019, 6 p.m.

Next HCDC meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 4 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Wall adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Housing and Community Development Committee and SIGNED by me this 21 day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Geoff Wall
Geoff Wall
Chair

/s/ Jim Long for
Deborah McMahan
Planning Manager