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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 18, 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 (1 vacancy)

City Staff: Deborah McMahon, *Principal Planner*; Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Council Liaison: Anne Graham

Visitors: Garry Finley; Matt Searfus, *The Shepherd's House of Central Oregon*

Media: None; Dave Morgan, *RedmondNewsToday.com*

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair McDonald called the HCDC meeting to order at approximately 3 p.m. with a quorum of members (7 of 8) present. Ms. Powell arrived at 3:12 p.m. after approval of the minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (7/0/0): Ms. Swander moved to approve the September 18, 2015, minutes. Mr. Wall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 2 (5/0/2): Mr. Wall moved to approve the October 16, 2015, minutes. Ms. Swander seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Barker, Ms. Michaels, Ms. Scharton, Ms. Swander, and Mr. Wall voting in favor and Mr. Curley and Ms. McDonald abstaining due to their absence from the October meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Recap of November 20, 2015, Meeting

Chair McDonald reported good attendance at the November meeting by service providers (Jericho Road, St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd's House) who shared their concerns about finding alternative placements for the homeless. While passionate about what they were doing, no one made a significant "ask" (request) of the City. She has not heard anything since that time, though Mr. Searfus invited her to a meeting of area providers yesterday about the cold-weather shelter.

Mr. Searfus summarized his organization's mission, demographic population served, goals, number of clients, fund-raising efforts with the faith community, current projects, and future plans. The Shepherd's House has managed a temporary cold-weather shelter in Redmond for two years

and sees a need for a permanent shelter. While not in a position to ask for anything right now, his organization is developing a sustainable shelter model for Redmond. Help will be needed to acquire a suitable facility at a very reasonable price and to get operating permits. The Shepherd's House is considering co-locating with Jericho Road to address shelter and food needs in the same Redmond facility. Each group would carry out its main purpose and share case management.

Chair McDonald reported Council wanted the HCDC to move forward and continue this dialogue.

Councilor Graham outlined what Council wanted from this committee regarding this issue.

Committee concerns included potential locations for a temporary shelter, number of clients it could serve, shelter models from other communities, how Mr. Searfus's request would fit with the HCDC's five-year plan (re-evaluation of goals and funding allocations), contacting other agencies present at the November HCDC meeting, City holdings that might be available, and legality of leasing City property to faith-based organizations.

Mr. Woodford asked Mr. Searfus to provide the City with details about the desired building size, amenities needed, and expected uses. Mr. Searfus said he would provide that data next week.

Chair McDonald said she would ask Ms. Dickens to set up a meeting for all interested parties including other agencies present at the November HCDC meeting.

B. CDBG Update

Chair McDonald postponed discussion to the next meeting due to Ms. Dickens' absence.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor Graham reported Council signed a \$11.2 million construction contract at its December 15 meeting for renovation of the old Evergreen Elementary School. Construction is expected to start in January 2016 with move-in tentatively scheduled for January 2017. Discussion is beginning about what to do with the current City Hall once the new facility is in use. DURAC (Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee) is moving forward with a City Center housing project that will likely be a high-density development. Herringbone Books has purchased Paulina Springs bookstore. Mr. T's will become a kitchen incubator for small firms needing commercial kitchen facilities.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Next meeting: Friday, January 15, 2016, 3 p.m. (tentative agenda: election of officers, CDBG update)

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

APPROVED by Redmond Housing and Community Development Committee and SIGNED by me this 19th day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:

/s/ Katie McDonald
Katie McDonald
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director