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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 15, 2016

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

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Steve Curley, Diana Barker, Suzanne Michaels, Lori Scharton, Geoff Wall (*absent: Joni Powell, Whitney Swander; 2 vacancies*)

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Katie McDonald, *Assistant Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Council Liaison: Anne Graham

Visitors: Kevin Colussi and Alexandra Sweet, *OregonHouseless.org*

Media: None

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

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Vice-Chair Curley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. without a quorum of members (4 of 8) present. Ms. Barker arrived while everyone was introducing themselves, establishing a quorum (5 of 8).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor Graham reported Council approved the SDC (system development charge) buy-down for the Cook Crossing project. She reminded members about the Youth Art Walk (tonight), Diego's car show (Saturday), and the This Place Matters historic photo contest.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. McDonald resigned as a committee member due to her employment with the City of Redmond.

Vice-Chair Curley stated that Whitney Swander (not present) previously indicated interest in serving as Chair. Ms. Richards confirmed that fact.

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Mr. Curley moved to nominate Ms. Swander to serve as **Chair** for the rest of calendar year 2016. Ms. Michaels seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

1. CDBG 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan

Ms. Richards presented the staff report and the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. She summarized the City's review process. The plan has been noticed for public comments prior to a public hearing which will be held by City Council on May 3, 2016. Public comments were received from the Assistance League of Bend and from NeighborImpact, and she summarized the concerns expressed in those letters. Staff will continue to collect public comments and forward them to Councilors for the May 3 hearing. She requested committee feedback on the annual action plan and recommended members e-mail editorial comments to Chelsea Dickens, Grant Program Coordinator.

Committee members clarified their understanding of the plan. Other concerns included adding comments received in the two letters received to date to the sections about public comments and correlating the number of goals with the number of goal summaries.

Motion 2: Ms. Scharton moved to recommend adoption of the 2016-2017 CDBG Annual Action Plan with amendments to the Redmond City Council. Ms. Barker seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Michaels and Ms. Scharton recused themselves from voting due to conflicts of interest. Ms. Scharton then withdrew her motion and Ms. Barker withdrew her second to Motion 2.

Motion 3 (3/0/2): Ms. Barker moved to recommend adoption of the CDBG 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan with amendments to the Redmond City Council. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. During discussion, Ms. Michaels and Ms. Scharton recused themselves from voting due to their conflicts of interest. Motion 3 passed with Ms. Barker, Mr. Curley, and Mr. Wall voting in favor, none opposed, and Ms. Michaels and Ms. Scharton abstaining due to their stated conflicts of interest.

Members requested the opportunity to re-evaluate the scoring process at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Stand Up Project Presentation

Ms. Sweet and Mr. Colussi made a presentation (PowerPoint) and outlined the background and mission. Their discussion referenced data collected between February 11 and April 12, 2016, from 268 daily surveys and 88 monthly surveys. They have been working with Central Oregon Veterans Outreach and Mosaic Medical Mobile Clinic. Ms. Sweet said she has been houseless for five years. She discussed needs identified in the surveys and explained how distrust and fear of police and other authority figures impacted providing services to this population. One of their biggest challenges is criminalization of poverty, houselessness, and mental illness by law enforcement. Dispersing people who are houseless forces them to keep moving but does not change their circumstances. She recommended providing multiple solutions to better address the variety of problems. She wanted to access grants to help fund data collection on an ongoing basis. Mr. Colussi stressed the importance of serving this population close to other community services. In addition to permanent shelter, food, bathroom, hot shower, and safety, Wi-Fi service is needed to communicate with family/friends, search for work, and connect with community services. He advised checking their website (OregonHouseless.org) and Facebook page. A Bend/Redmond rally will be held on June 18, 2016.

Committee concerns included data duplication.

Ms. Richards commended their data collection efforts, asked if photos and/or videos were available, and recommended contacting the Redmond Police Department to help them understand how crime overlaps with homeless needs. She said Redmond police were very open to dialogue.

2. ADA Transition Plan Stakeholder Meeting Update

Ms. Michaels shared handouts from the Central Oregon Committee On Access (COCOA) meeting she attended on April 12, 2016. Attendance was good. Information provided at that meeting included Redmond's installation of audible signals at some intersections, Deschutes County Services Building remodel, CET (Cascades East Transit) moving its Redmond transit hub from Redmond Public Library to a site between Fred Meyer and Lowe's next to the Grange Hall, and how other communities are addressing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) barriers.

Ms. Richards said the June meeting will offer the City an opportunity to engage with the community and collect public comments on the draft ADA transition plan. She encouraged committee members to provide feedback on priorities for curb ramp and sidewalk improvements.

Following discussion, committee members requested the opportunity to discuss City priorities for curb ramp and sidewalk improvements at their May meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Ms. Barker reported today's Coffee Clatter was held at Comfort Suites which was supportive of collaboration with the Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards requested assistance in filling the positions of two voting members and one youth ex officio.

Next meeting: Friday, May 20, 2016, 3 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice-Chair Curley adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Housing and Community Development Committee and SIGNED by me this 20th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Whitney Swander
Whitney Swander
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director