

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

October 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Marcella Barnett, Lynn Bittel, Fumnanya Camara, Vince Chowdhury, Teri Marquantte, Bill Moran, Hayley Reddish, Jason Schneider, and Charlene Wisner-Howard.

Members Absent: *Michael Thomas and *Catalina Vielma.

*Excused

Late Arrivals/

Early Departures: None.

Staff Present: Aimee Bart and Michael Lawson.

Guests Present: Heidi Aggeler, Linda Savage, and Ken Westervelt.

Chairperson Lynn Bittel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

- **Charlene Wisner-Howard** motioned to approve the agenda as presented. **Bill Moran** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- **Teri Marquantte** motioned to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as presented. **Fumnanya Camara** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications from Staff

- a. **Michael Lawson, Interim Community Development Manager – Introduction**
Michael Lawson introduced himself to the Committee as the Interim Community Development Manager. He gave them a brief overview of his background working with the City for 11 years. His regular role is the Manager of Special Projects working directly with James Twombly.

The Committee welcomed Michael.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members' questions.

b. **Heidi Aggeler, Root Policy Research – 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

Heidi Aggeler from Root Policy Research presented a PowerPoint regarding the draft of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The presentation gave the Committee a background on the Consolidated Plan, informed them of the top housing and Community Development needs, and an overview of the proposed 5-year strategies and the 2020 Action Plan. The Committee was encouraged to review the draft Consolidated Plan available online or in our offices and submit public comments to Michael Lawson, Aimee Bart, or herself.

Discussion ensued. Ms. Aggeler answered the Committee members' questions.

c. **Aimee Bart – Loan Write-Offs**

Aimee Bart reported that there were no loan write-offs for the month of September 2019.

During the month of September 2019, we received \$173,817.42 in Program Income.

Program	Income	Year to Date Income
HOME	\$154,643.04	\$973,520.45
CDBG	\$12,020.70	\$95,671.56
NSP1	\$0.00	\$0.00
NSP3	\$7,153.68	\$7,153.68
AVAILABLE UNCOMMITTED FUNDS FOR NEW PROJECTS (APPROXIMATE):		
HOME	\$1,200,000.00	
CDBG	\$160,000.00	

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members' questions.

Communications from Committee

a. **Chairperson Lynn Bittel** requested the guests introduce themselves.

Linda Savage is a Committee applicant. An Aurora resident for 13 years, she is originally from Boston, prior Air Force, and a registered nurse. In her work as a nurse, she is exposed to the current housing crisis and is an active advocate regarding housing.

Ken Westervelt reminded the Committee that he was in attendance last month. He is a new resident in the City of Aurora and lives in Ward I. He has been making the rounds to different community meetings to familiarize himself with who's doing what within the City.

b. **Lynn Bittel** informed the Committee that he completed the annual presentation to City Council regarding our budget. He informed the Committee that he requested additional funds from the General Fund to cover Community Development administrative costs in order to free up additional funds for addressing housing needs.

He is looking forward to speaking to the Mayoral Candidates regarding this topic as well.

Adjournment

- **Marcella Barnett motioned and Charlene Wisler-Howard seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.**

Minutes taken by: Aimee Bart
Aimee Bart, Administrative Specialist

Minutes reviewed by: Michael Lawson
Michael Lawson, Interim Manager,
Community Development Division

Minutes approved by: Lynn Bettel 11/12/19
Date