

HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
July 17, 2019

Members Present: Council Member, Chair Crystal Murillo
Council Member, Vice Chair Allison Hiltz
Council Member Johnny Watson

Others Present: Andrea Amonick, Malcolm Hankins, Michelle Wolfe, Dan Money, George Adams, Sandra Youngman, Ashley Coram, Julie Zavala, Sharyn Vellenga, Jose Rodriguez, Michael Bryant, Tim Joyce, Dayna Ashley Oehm, Stephanie Kok, Chris Davis, Ryan LeCompte, Sydney Hawkins, Mary W. Lewis, Gayle Jetchick, Chance Horiuchi, and Deana Foxen.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council Member Murillo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

The June 26, 2019 minutes were approved by Council Members Murillo, Hiltz, & Watson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Murillo addressed the Monday night Council Meeting and the statements made against herself, Council Member Hiltz and Johnston about their involvement in defacing the American flag at the Geo ICE Detention Facility. She expressed her extreme disappointment and frustration at not being allowed to speak in defense of herself, until the very end of the meeting. She noted that she was falsely accused and she believes the accusations made against her and her fellow council members have put their safety, and the safety of their family members at risk.

Andrea Amonick announced there will be four public hearings on separate blight designations to determine if the areas might be appropriate for designation in the future as an Urban Renewal Area. This topic will be presented on August 19, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the regular meeting of the City Council. Blight designation reports are available in the Planning & Development Services office.

NEW ITEMS**APS SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINICS****Summary of Issue and Discussion**

Ashley Coram, Every Child Pediatrics, introduced herself and presented the School Based Health Clinics (SBHC) Program. Through a collaborative partnership between the school district and community health providers, the SBHC Program provides comprehensive health care to students, including immunizations, sports physicals, acute illness treatment, and chronic condition management. Each clinic is comprised of a small staff, with one medical assistant and one medical provider (Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner). Children who have access to this health program benefit from receiving high quality health care, experience increased health outcomes, and higher academic achievement. There are over 2,500 SBHC's operating nationwide with a critical push to create more, and stakeholders are advocating legislatures to increase financial supportive funding.

Every Child Pediatrics serves as the medical provider and aids in general oversight of 11 of the 62 health centers operating through the State of Colorado, specifically, four of those clinics operating within Aurora Public Schools. These include; Crawford Kids Clinic at Crawford Elementary, the Kids Clinic at Laredo, the Children's Wellness Center at Aurora Central High School, and the Olympian Wellness Center at Gateway High School. Additionally, behavioral health providers from Aurora Mental Health are available for one-on-one counseling services & mental health screenings, and work side by side with medical providers' at all four clinics. Dental services provided by Children's Hospital are offered at Crawford and Laredo. Care coordination services are also provided to help

families overcome barriers. Unlike other SBHC's across the nation, APS students within the school district can be seen at any health clinic, as each clinic is conveniently located outside of the main school building and remains open during holidays, some Saturdays, and evening hours. Medicaid is accepted, and sliding scale fees are offered. The most a family will pay is \$0 to \$7, as the program is funded through grants, patient revenue, and Medicaid reimbursements.

Questions/Comments – Council Member Murillo commented on information she read about the potential closure of two of the schools where these clinics are located (Crawford and Central), and asked how those closures might impact the SBHC's. Ms. Coram answered since clinics are not part of the school district, even if the school is closed the clinic will remain open.

Council Member Hiltz requested digital copies of the handouts to share with the Public Safety Committee.

Council Member Watson asked how Medicaid funding will be replaced since it is beginning to dwindle. Ms. Coram responded that funding is a constant struggle, and private grants and other funding sources are constantly sought. Every Child Pediatrics is supported by general pediatric clinics that are not part of SBHC's.

Outcome – Council Member Murillo thanked Ms. Coram for the informational presentation.

SHIPPING CONTAINERS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS

Summary of Issue and Discussion – George Adams, Director of Planning & Development Services, explained that the Planning Department views shipping containers similarly to that of a manufactured home. Zoning standards require homes to be placed on a firm foundation, connected to utilities, and must meet appropriate setbacks and residential design standards. Questions have been raised concerning the use of shipping containers, however, Planning has not received any specific project requests. The Building Code does not prohibit shipping containers as habitable spaces, but they must comply with all codes. Shipping containers would be considered an accessory dwelling unit, and certain specifications apply.

Questions/Comments – Council Member Murillo asked if other Municipalities in Colorado have implemented shipping container projects. Dayna Ashley-Oehm, Aurora Housing Authority, answered that Adams County regularly permits dwellings constructed out of shipping containers, as long as modular requirements for the State of Colorado are met. The State serves as the regulatory body and shares oversight with the container's State of origin. Once local inspectors verify connections and the container is installed it does not require further reinspection.

Outcome – Informational only.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Dan Money, City Attorney II, shared that a proposed Ordinance on Residential Lighting Standards would likely come before the Committee in August. The item has been requested by Council Member Richardson, who received a request from a constituent who has alleged their neighbor is using a spotlight to harass them.

Chair Murillo announced that Deputy City Manager Michelle Wolfe has accepted a position outside of the City, and noted her last day will be September 3, 2019. Ms. Murillo expressed her sincere gratitude to Ms. Wolfe for her professionalism, and added that she will be missed.

The next meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



Committee Chair, Crystal Murillo