

HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE  
August 28, 2019

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

Members Absent: Council Member Johnny Watson

Others Present: Andrea Amonick, Michelle Wolfe, Dan Money, George Adams, Sandra Youngman, Margee Cannon, Michael Bryant, Tim Joyce, Michael Lawson, Shelley McKittrick, Sydney Hawkins, Roberto Venegas, Jeff Hancock, Gayle Jetchick, Chance Horiuchi, Claudine McDonald, Nancy Freed, Melinda Townsend, Phil Nachbar, Joan Maranville, Sunny Banka, Aaron Ravdin, Signy Mikita, Karen Hancock, Aaron Vegas, and Deana Foxen.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Council Member Murillo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MINUTES**

The July 17, 2019 minutes were approved by Council Members Murillo and Hiltz.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**NEW ITEMS**

**RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING ORDINANCE**

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Daniel Money, City Attorney, spoke on behalf of Council Member Charlie Richardson, whom requested a proposed amendment to the current definition of Public Nuisance in Aurora Municipal Code, by adding a Proscribed Act that would prohibit residents from using the lighting on their property in a manner to harass and annoy their neighbors.

Questions/Comments – Does the Committee support moving this item to Study Session?

Outcome – Pending further discussion with Council Member Richardson.

**THE PEOPLE’S BUILDING PRESENTATION**

Summary of Issue and Discussion –

Aaron Vega, Curator, The People’s Building, described the center as a 3,300 square foot event space in the heart of Aurora’s Cultural Arts District. The facility has hosted over 160 events and roughly 4,000 guests during the past 18 months, collaborating with local community groups, artists and organizations from as far away as Italy to Durango. As a result of providing an affordable mix of amenities and a culturally diverse art venue, The People’s Building boasts having been named the best Cultural Arts Venue of 2019 by Westword.

Questions/Comments –  
Informational only.

Outcome –  
The Committee thanked Mr. Vega for his presentation.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **Summary of Issue and Discussion –**

Jeff Hancock, Financial Analyst, Community Development Division, provided an update on Affordable Housing Projects utilizing Community Development Funds. These projects include:

- Paris Family Apartments, 1702 Paris St., completed in July 2019 providing 39 units for families.
- Peoria Crossing, 12101 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Ave., 82 units for families & estimated for completion by the end of October.
- Alameda View, 15501 E. Alameda Ave., 116 units for families & estimated for completion December, 2019.
- Nine Mile Station Senior Living, 12251 E. Cornell Ave., 50 units for seniors 62+ estimated for completion March of 2020.
- Residences at Hoffman, 1348 Xanadu St., 85 units for seniors 55+ with a veteran preference estimated for completion June, 2020.
- Range View Apartments, 14475 E. Montview Blvd., 223 units for families, estimated for completion July of 2021.
- Connections at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 601 Potomac, 68 units for families currently under rehabilitation & estimated for completion December, 2020.

There are a little over 3,600 completed affordable housing units available in the city today. Of that number, Community Development has been involved with funding 660 of those units over the past 5 years.

Questions/Comments – There were none.

Outcome – Council Member Murillo thanked Mr. Hancock for the updated information.

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## **TRASH, RECYCLING, & COMPOSTING SERVICES**

### **Summary of Issue and Discussion –**

Michael Lawson, Manager of Special Projects, presented details on several alternative waste hauling models utilized by cities across the Front Range, offering each jurisdiction's model and approach to recycling, composting, and waste hauling. The presentation is provided in response to Council Member Murillo's inquiry on the city's current state of hauling, recycling, and composting in Aurora, and possible options for the city providing these services to residents.

Mr. Lawson explained the open subscription model currently used by the city, which includes 15 different waste haulers with different price points, offering a variety of service needs, and nearly completely free of city regulation. A major disadvantage to this model is the city's lack of control over impacts of pricing and service provisions. Proposed models for consideration include:

1. Voluntary Coordination, requesting haulers reduce neighborhood traffic by operating on the same day in a specific neighborhood or section of the city.
2. Enhanced Licensing, requiring an annual license from all haulers operating in the city, and giving the city statutory authority to standardize practices and service levels. (*Boulder, Fort Collins*).
3. Preferred Hauler, whereas the city would franchise preferred haulers to achieve economies of scale on behalf of customers. (*Highlands Ranch*).
4. Contracted System, contracting and assigning haulers to customers based on where they live. (*Commerce City, Frederick, Greenwood Village, Golden, Lafayette, Lone Tree, Louisville*).
5. Municipalized System, having the city become the sole provider of solid waste services as an enterprise, with collection fees paid by customers directly to the city. (*Denver, Longmont, Loveland, Northglenn, Thornton*).

Questions/Comments –  
Information only.

Outcome –

Council Member Murillo thanked Mr. Lawson for the detailed information.

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**SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION BAN**

Summary of Issue and Discussion –

The City has an anti-discrimination in housing ordinance that includes many forms of discrimination such as: religion, national origin, sex, race, creed, or color. However, the current ordinance does not include source of income as a possible source of discrimination. Shelley McKittrick, Homeless Program Director, presented a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 82 to include *source of income* as a discriminatory and prohibited housing practice.

Questions/Comments –

Does The Committee support moving the proposed ordinance forward to be presented at Study Session?

Outcome –

Chair Murillo and Vice-Chair Hiltz recommended approval.

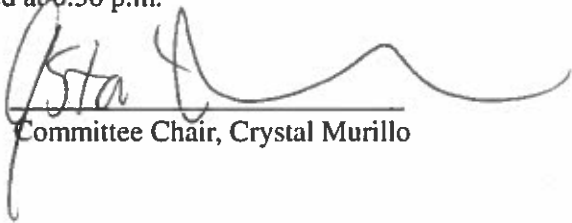
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**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The next meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



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Committee Chair, Crystal Murillo

