

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
TELECONFERENCE  
March 9, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Marcella Barnett, Vince Chowdhury, Demetra English, Erica Howard, Teri Marquante, Bill Moran, and Hayley Reddish

**Members Absent:** Lynn Bittel  
**\*Excused**

**Late Arrivals/  
Early Departures:** Demetra English – late arrival, tech issues

**Staff Present:** Rodney Milton, Brittany McGaughy

**Guests Present:** Jessica Prosser, Liz Fuselier, Jeff Hancock, Bobbi Abbotts

**Roll Call**

Chairperson Teri Marquante called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and roll call followed.

**Approval of Agenda**

Jason Schneider motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Vince Chowdhury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Hayley Reddish motioned to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Jason Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Committee Member Briefings - open**

No Updates.

**Communications from Staff**

**a. CD Manager Updates – Rodney Milton, Manager**

Rodney Milton provided suggestion to move Housing Strategy item to top of topics being discussed due to the remaining topics being aligned with it. He advised the housing strategy is in the implementation phase and explained the following updates regarding rental assistance and GAP Financing align with the implementation of Housing Strategy.

- **COVID response updates- Rental Assistance update, Homelessness Update**

Bobbie Abbotts provided an update on rental assistance. The City has provided over 728 households with rental assistance since June 19, 2020, when the first assistance check was issued. There has been a total of \$2,963,110.00 dollars used to aid those in need and avoid eviction. Of the 728 households served, 45 of them came back for additional assistance. The state is also working to help process applications and award those in need.

Jessica Prosser presented an invitation regarding the Safe Space Symposium that will be presented virtually on March 19, 2020.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

- **Gap Financing Release- Evaluation requests**

Liz Fuselier provided updates regarding Gap Financing. She stated that for the first of two rounds of assistance there is about \$2.4 million dollars in HOME dollars and \$400,000 in CDBG-Gap Financing funds available, and so far, 3 applications have been received. The applicants include Aurora Housing Authority, Eagle Meadows Development, and Habitat for Humanity. Committee members volunteered to review the applications and will discuss rewards in an upcoming meeting scheduled at the end of the week.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

- **Housing Strategy update**

Rodney explained internal departments have come together to recap the 12 strategies, six policy initiatives and to reaffirm the top six priorities. Working groups have been created to help organize the strategy's implementation. The working group 'Production and Preservation' will work on the pipeline of development such as rental housing and home ownership. 'Process and Places' is looking at locations in Aurora that make most sense to have different activities take place. The 'People' working group will focus on the people and relations side of things such as tenant protections, down payment assistance and rental assistance. He stated that this Committee will be an essential partner in providing feedback and direction when it comes to communicating the strategy to the public.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

- b. **Loan Write-Offs – Jeff Hancock, Financial Supervisor**

Jeff Hancock presented the Write-off report.

### **Communications from Committee**

- Hayley Reddish, Jason Schneider and Teri Marquante provided an update regarding the candidates being interviewed for the new member openings. There are 3 interviews being conducted throughout the week and next week. Of the applicants, two were no longer interested. Committee members who conducted these interviews are happy to announce moving forward to recommend the applicants.

### **Adjournment**

- Marcella Barnett motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Moran seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Brittany McGaughy 04/21/2021  
Brittany McGaughy Date  
Administrative Specialist  
Housing and Community Services Department

Minutes reviewed by: Rodney M. Milton, Jr. 04/23/2021  
Rodney Milton, Manager Date  
Community Development Division

Minutes approved by: Teri Marquante 4/21/2021  
Teri Marquante, Chairperson Date