

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TELECONFERENCE**

August 10, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: LaQunya Baker, Marcella Barnett, Lynn Bittel, Jaime Carolina, Vince Chowdhury, Demetra English, Teri Marquantte, Bill Moran, Britany Noble, Hayley Reddish, Jason Schneider, Charlene Wisner-Howard

Members Absent: Erica Howard
***Excused**

**Late Arrivals/
Early Departures:** N/A

Staff Present: Rodney Milton, Lana Dalton, Brittany McGaughy

Guests Present: N/A

Roll Call

Chairperson Teri Marquantte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call followed.

Approval of Agenda

Lynn Bittel motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Marcella Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Lynn Bittel Bill motioned to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Hayley Reddish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Committee Member Briefings - open

No Updates.

Communications from Staff

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

• **Housing Strategy Update**

Rodney explained to the group that in the Housing Strategy, we are looking at two sites for affordable housing. Rodney explained we have submitted an application to Housing Colorado to design a housing charette. Rodney explained to the group what a charette is and the various partners that will be assisting with the idea sessions regarding these

properties. Rodney advised the application was accepted and will be working with various We are also identifying other sites for safe outdoor spaces. We are looking for additional non-profit and faith-based partners to assist us with finding these locations.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

- **Housing + Homeless Quarter 1-2- Update**

Rodney opened with a presentation that was presented to council in a prior meeting regarding the Housing and Homeless Quarters 1 and 2. Rodney also introduced the Homelessness Program Manager Lana Dalton who joined the meeting to present as well.

Rodney reviewed with the committee some of the HUD CDBG reporting and performance report requirements basics. Rodney explained HUD monitors and gives guidance on the contents of agreements and mandates standard language such as performance measurements, accounting standards, record keeping and retention, close out procedures and non-compliance and recourse to name a few. Rodney also explained that when we recommend funds such CDBG, we go through an agreement process with the service providers to make sure we are aligned with the HUD mandates.

Lana joined the presentation and explained the City of Aurora Homeless Services program that went from March 1st to May 31st has provided services for 60 approved applicants. The city has spent a total of \$120,517. Lana explained the top three requests were for:

1. Rental assistance (35 assisted- \$74,485.82)
2. Deposit assistance (14 assisted- \$34,639.19)
3. Motel Assistance (5 assisted- \$5,174.74)

Lana also explained that we have also funded 10 Non-Profit agencies through 31 agreements from the 2020 ESG-Regular Funds, 2020-2022 ESG COVID funds, 2021 Marijuana Funds and 2021 general funds.

Lana also reviewed with the group examples of services offered and statistics of each service such as crisis calls answered, number of households that received counseling services, number of hygiene kits and care packages given. Lana also reviewed the Regular and Cold Weather Shelter beds available and utilization rate of the beds per quarter.

Rodney reviewed the Cumulative Data from quarter 1 and 2 pertaining to Emergency Rental Assistance. Community Development has assisted 766 households to avoid eviction, totaling \$3,225,981.00 since June 19, 2020. Out of the 766 households, only 53 have come back at least 1 time for more assistance.

Rodney also reviewed with the group the agreements that went through the council process using the CDBG-CV COVID funds.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

Inclusionary Zoning 101 – Rodney Milton

Rodney Milton presented information pertaining to Inclusionary Zoning 101 policy. Rodney explained the state of Colorado has approved this policy through legislation. Rodney explained inclusionary zoning is a way for a local government to take advantage of the market driven development. Rodney provided a couple of examples of how this policy is implemented. Rodney explained that if a developer is creating market value units, this policy would require the developer to set aside a number of units that are affordable or subsidized for example. Rodney also explains there is a lot of planning and study done prior to the actual development due to learning and understanding the market as well as making sure it is beneficial. Rodney also explained that there is an option where developers who do not want to include affordability in their units, can pay an additional fee to have those units not included.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

Loan Write-Offs – Rodney Milton

Rodney Milton presented the Write-off report.

Communications from Committee

- Bill Moran announced that his term has come to an end and that he would not be returning. Teri Marquante expressed gratitude and presented Bill with a Certificate of Appreciation for being on this committee since 2009. The group celebrated and offered kind words and appreciation to Bill for his time with the committee.

Adjournment

- Marcella Barnett motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bill Moran seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Brittany McGaughey Date
Administrative Specialist
Housing and Community Services Department

Minutes reviewed by:

Rodney M. Milton, Jr. Oct 18, 2021

Rodney Milton, Manager Date
Community Development Division

Minutes approved by:

Teri Marquante 10/18/21

Teri Marquante, Chairperson Date