

**HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY
COMMITTEE
November 2, 2023**

Members Present: *Council Member, Chair Crystal Murillo
Council Member, Vice Chair Juan Marcano
Council Member Alison Coombs*

Others Present: Mattye Sisk, Adrian Botham, Tim Joyce, Jacquelyn Bayard, Andrew Rael-Trujillo, Courtney Tassin, Angela Garcia, Emma Knight, Jeannine Rustad, Dayna Ashley-Oehm, Sandra Youngman, Scott Campbell, Alicia Montoya, Roberto Venegas, Emily Fuller, Andrea Amonick, Jessica Prosser, Rachel Allen, Jennifer Orozco, Mindy Parnes, Craig Maraschky, Augusta Allen, Daniel Brotzman, Brandon Cammarata, Daniel Money, Saadia Aurakzai-Foster, Rochelle Nadeau (attendee)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council Member Murillo welcomes everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

October 12, 2023 minutes are approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEW ITEMS

CDBG Acquisition Agreement - Aurora Housing Authority [Stanley 98]

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Alicia Montoya, the Housing and Community Development Manager, presents this item. She discussed a request for a land banking opportunity with Aurora Housing Authority. The proposal involves acquiring a parcel in Ward I to create 98 additional units targeting an area median income (AMI) of 50% or below. The request is for \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated specifically for acquisition. Alicia emphasizes that the request aligns with the city's housing strategy goals, addresses identified housing needs, considers demographics, and utilizes available city funding resources. The investment also helps meet CDBG deadlines. She asks the Council members if they support the recommendation for the land banking acquisition.

Questions/Comments

CM Coombs expresses support for land banking and increasing affordable housing units. She asks about the potential additional investment needed for building the acquired parcel. Alicia responds, stating that the current average investment is around \$15,000 per unit. While they are willing to support if there's room in their resources, she notes that their funds are limited and uncertain, and they want to allocate resources to various projects.

CM Marcano states he has no questions and expresses excitement about the project targeting 50% and below AMI, acknowledging the difficulty of addressing this income level but emphasizing its necessity. He expresses gratitude for bringing the project forward and declares support for it. Alicia thanks CM Marcano for his support.

CM Murillo states she has no questions and also expresses support for the project, citing its favorable location near amenities such as the Moorhead Recreation Center, Westerly Creek Open Space, parks, and nearby retail like King Soopers. She emphasizes the project's accessibility and the importance of providing additional resources for individuals at this income level. Alicia acknowledges and agrees with the positive remarks about the project's location and accessibility.

Outcome – The Committee unanimously supports the request to move the item forward to Study Session.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

Updates from Community Members

None.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned:

APPROVED: *Crystal Murillo* 11/20/2023
Crystal Murillo (Nov 20, 2023 18:32 MST)

Committee Chair, Crystal Murillo