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Community Development Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Special Virtual Meeting –Web-Ex

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hamilton Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Attending: Hamilton Smith, Theresa O’Halloran-Johnson, Steve Wick, Anthony Reed-Fuglestad, Mike Mayou, Pat Sterner

Absent: Breanna Ellison, Mark Osthus, Valerie Joeckel,

Staff Present: Ben VanTassel, Suzanne Kelley, Kathy Wilson

2. Review Conflict of Interest Policy

Manager VanTassel reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy and thanked the Committee members for signing them.

3. Overview of FY2021 Application Review and Scoring Process

Manager Van Tassel explained the application review and scoring process. He explained that the submitted scores will be tabulated and used to help determine the funding recommendations.

4. Review Applications

HOUSING (CDBG/HOME)

2021-01 Duluth Property Rehab Program – Duluth HRA

2021-02 Eco3 Energy-Ecolibrium3

2021-03 Community Land Trust Acquisition-Rehab-Resale – One Roof Community Housing

2021-04 Community Land Trust New Construction One Roof Community Housing

2021-05 One Roof Duluth Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing

2021-06 Spirit Valley Updates and Efficiencies – Duluth YWCA

Key discussion items relating to these projects included concerns with maintenance of housing units, rental license requirements, and discrimination. After reviewing the Spirit Valley Update

and Efficiencies application, it was determined that it may qualify as a Public Facility Application.

PUBLIC FACILITIES (CDGB)

2021-07 Acquisition Demolition Program – City of Duluth, Planning and Development Division
2021-08 Equipment Upgrades to Improve Care – Lake Superior Community Health Center
2021-09 Healthy Hillside – Creative Food Access – Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community
2021-10 Niiwin Indigenous Foods Market Construction – American Indian Community Housing Organization

Key discussion items included concerns about blight and how the CARES funding could assist in projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CDGB)

2021-11 Futures Program – Life House, Inc.
2021-12 High-demand, Living-wage Job Training (HLJT) Project – SOAR Career Solutions
2021-13 Starting & Growing Neighborhood Businesses – Entrepreneur Fund
2021-14 Duluth Backscratcher Creator Dev Project – God Almighty Family Restaurant + Low/Chairkickers Union
2021-15 Cultural Specific Entrepreneurship Workshop – Fathers Rise Together DBA Family Rise Together

Key discussion items included working with local unions and apprenticeships. They also discussed the outreach to the BIPOC community.

5. Adjourn

MOTION/Second: Sterner/Mayou moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30.

Vote (6-0)