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Community Development Committee Meeting Summary

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sterner called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

Attending: Pat Sterner (Chair), Steven Wick (Vice Chair), David Lewis, Jen Harris, Theresa O'Halloran-Johnson, Patrice Critchley-Menor

Absent: Mary Garness

Staff Present: Suzanne Kelley, Phillis Webb

2. Approval of Meeting Summaries

October 25, 2022 Meeting

MOTION/Second: O'Halloran-Johnson/Harris moved to approve the meeting summaries. Motion approved 6:0.

3. Overview of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

Staff member Kelley described the Public Comment process. She stated the time limit for each agency to speak, and suggested for each agency to say how it affects them overall.

4. Public Hearing on FY 2023 Annual Action Plan & Funding Recommendations

(All attendees will have 3 minutes to address the committee.)

Chair Sterner spoke how important it is for people to provide comments to the Committee. She said written and spoken comments help the Committee to better understand the needs in the community. She emphasized that "we are all partners in this work in serving those in most need in our broader community. Those of use on the Committee absolutely look to you to help us make the best recommendations possible based on fund available. Frankly the more forthright you are with use the better." Chair Sterner opened up the public hearing at 5:40.

Deyona Kirk from Annie's House spoke and stated that there should be consideration of her increase on her funding request. She explained her experience with HUD funds and development projects in Duluth. She explained the importance of needing the development funds to acquire and rehab Annie House. She also spoke about the importance of the ESG funds for the utility costs. Chair Sterner stated that reconsideration is important and getting her experience in a letter assisted on this. There were also multiple speakers that spoke on behalf of working with Annie's house. All the comments provided stated that there is a lot of positive work going on at Annie's house and Divine Konnections, and it is a safe space for helping women with their kids. Also, that Deyona is the only BIPOC connection to serve BIPOC women. People who spoke on behalf of Annie House include:

- Robyn Weaver
- Jody Langseth
- Malcolm Lumsden
- ChaQuana McEntyre
- Tom and Bonnie Malterer
- AC Kirk
- Kantrelle Kirk
- Tatiana Bergum

Chris Wines from MACV stated that the statistical data from the previous year, and how they met all of their goals including all of their federal benchmarks this year.

Tina Krauz talked about her interest about serving on the community.

Jordan Eunison-Christi from Life House spoke about the programs they continue to offer and asked for continued support.

Nancy Cashman from Center City described the Wadena West Project and that it will provide 60 permanent supportive housing units in a location that has accessible to stores. This facility will have 24 hours front desk operation.

John Cole from CHUM thanked the committee and that the agency continues to support the BIPOC community. He also talked about the programs they are currently running like food services, the outreach program, the shelter programs, and the warming center. He stated it critical to have more housing in the community; he also expressed the need to have more treatment facilities for mental health and drug addiction.

Collen Kelly from Center City talked about the family supportive housing project and the need for intensive case management. She also stated the rental market is very tight.

Beth Bury from the YMCA explained how they successfully create a safe place for young mothers.

Brittney Robb from Safe Haven talked about the work they do in the community for domestic violence within the city of Duluth.

Jake Morgan from HRA stated what their goals were, and that affordability within their program is a resource of the community.

Kyra Gustafson from Community Action Duluth stated one of the new services they will be introducing for the elderly where they can set an appointment rather than wait in line.

Classie Dudley from Community Action Duluth stated the positive effects of the tax free site within the diverse Duluth community. She also mentioned their previous statistics and how much more money are getting back. She also stated that they were now able to offer virtual services.

Bev Downs also stated that she has personally used the tax free sites for multiple years.

ChaQuana McEntyre From Family Rise Together stated that she supports all of the previous agencies that spoke, and asked for continued support from the commission.

Chair Sterner thanked everyone for their input and closed the public hearing at 7:15.

5. Next Steps

Staff member Kelley explained that the recommendations for the 2023 Action Plan will be reviewed and voted upon at the December 6, 2022 meeting. Afterwards, the recommendations would be presented by the CD Committee to City Council. Date to come.

6. Adjourn

MOTION/Second: O'Halloran-Johnson/Wick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21. Motion approved 6:0.

Next Meeting: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022