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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 330, City Hall**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Wick calls meeting to order at 5:33pm

PRESENT: Pat Sterner, Steve Wick, David Lewis, Jennifer Harris, Patrice Critchley-Menor, Mary Garness, Jasmine Clark

ABSENT: AC Kirk

2. Approval of Meeting Summary:

*May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting*

Motion to Approve May 16 minutes **MOTION/Second: Sterner/ Lewis Vote (7-0) APPROVED**

3. PUBLIC HEARING for 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation (CAPER)

a. Overview of 2022 CAPER document and performance report (Suzanne Kelley presents this info from performance chart). Also went over the overall performance of Environmental reviews and the impact it could potentially have on housing projects.

b. Public Hearing (Each speaker has up to 3 minutes to speak)

1. Kim Randolph (CHUM)

- CHUM has been in the community for over 50 years and concerned about the increase in unhoused people, as well the increase in drug addiction and mental illness. Also brought up the issue of increase of food prices.

2. Jake Morgan (Duluth HRA)

- Had some challenges with Environmental Reviews. Have 58 units in various stages. HRA decreased their funding from CDBG since they have sought out other streams to help fund projects. They are still able to perform all their duties, and support all of their projects.
- Jake read a statement stating how the HOME program met their goal of 16 people.



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- They are able to help people who may not be able to get housing due to various outliers who have high barriers.

3. Karin Sollom (CCHC)

- The support is vital to house people
- Increase in utility and maintenance cost
- Have had significance damage to units this year
- Supply and demand challenges
- These past couple of years have seen an increase in damage to the rental units which has made it difficult to get units ready for new renters.

4. Justin Markon (Entrepreneur Fund)

- Help 8 entrepreneurs
- In the past year have launched STRIDE to help the BIPOC and LMI businesses
- Helps match with state funds that they also receive.

5. Jason Beckman (SOAR)

- IT support training, (2) Auto Tech training program, partnership with Lake Superior College and Lakestar Ford
- Help people find childcare and work part time so that they can help make that bridge in the community.
- Getting people ready for the workforce, and worthy of a job
- Recommendations to lower the gap would be training people on how to do well in job interviews.

6. Dana Weisman (Salvation Army)

- Seeing a lack of food within the last year.
- Will continue to help people with housing
- FEMA was cut in half which reduces funding for food.
- Food donations are down but food prices are up

7. Stef S. (MACV)

- They help veterans that are homeless are at threat of being homeless.
- They have successfully had it be rare that veterans be homeless.
- Surpassed their goal for both contracts. Public service 87/80 and ESG 15/15.
- Functional zero helps to house a veteran at threat of homelessness

8. Rachel Wagner (Green New Deal)

- Very new to the process.
- Created courses that trained 33 people, 17 people LMI.
- Trained the community to build energy efficient homes



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- Healthy, durable, energy efficient
9. Leanne & Darryl (AICHO)
- Food Distribution & Indigenous Food Market
  - Low barrier access
10. Jodi Slick (Eco3)
- Explained all the energy needs that they have successfully completed within the community
  - Will continue to assist with healthy housing
  - Geo-Thermal Grant
  - Have a grant to put together an AmeriCorps team
11. Beth Burt (YWCA)
- Focus on spirit valley area
  - 7 units of transitional housing for young moms
  - Also have childcare center used by low income and young moms
  - Funds helped repair the building.
  - Redid parking lot as well
  - Replaced windows, HVAC

Chair Wick closes public hearing at 6:42pm

4. Other Business  
Staff member Webb stated if there are any updates to the next round of applications, please send them to her at the earliest convenience.
5. Adjourn – 7:31pm  
**MOTION/Second:** Critchley-Menor / Lewis **Vote (7-0) APPROVED**