

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC) MEETING
TUESDAY, April 23, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 303-THIRD FLOOR- CITY HALL**

Present: Daniel Nyquist, Barbara Carr, Kristi Gordon, Justin Perpich, Reyna Crowe

Absent: Michael Ramsey, Jim Gaylord, John Evans, Debra Branley

Staff: Karen Olesen, Char McLennan, Ben VanTassel and Suzanne Kelley

Roll Call: A quorum was present. Nyquist called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing

CD staff explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to amend the 2010 and 2013 Action Plans and that the Public Hearing starts the 30-day public comment period.

- In January, the City was made aware of timeliness issues due to 2010 Program Income funds (over the 1.5 X the grant allocation), HRA Revolving Loan Fund not getting used, and 2013 additional CDBG funds that were not expected.
- The purpose of the Public Hearing is to eliminate a 2010 project that was completed with ARRA (stimulus) funds, and to add new projects that will expend the additional funds described above. New projects include acquisition of blighted properties in need of demolition and some additional flood damaged properties and the possible acquisition/renovation of Rockridge School property for the relocation of UDAC.

There was one person present who wished to speak, Sarah Priest from Community Action Duluth addressed the Committee to ask CD members to consider using some of the funds to be reallocated to fund CAD's Individual Development Account Program which was not funded because of expected funding reductions to the CDBG program. Committee members asked questions about the IDA program and Sarah answered questions and provided information about the first time homebuyers that the IDA program serves.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:50 p.m. and the regular CDC meeting commenced.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Perpich motioned, Carr seconded to approve the meeting minutes for March 26, 2013. Motion passed; Unanimous.

Housing Indicator Report: CD staff, VanTassel and Kelley, gave a slide presentation on the 2012 Housing Indicators Report, highlighting some of the changes and trends from the report. The full report is available on the CD website at:

http://www.duluthmn.gov/community_development/

Priority Need: Staff reviewed the current list of Eligible High, Medium and Low Priority Community Development activities. Olesen explained that those identified as high were

projects that would be funded during the five-year Consolidated Plan period, those identified as medium may or may not be funded during the five-year period and those identified as low would not be funded. Transportation was identified as a high priority but had not been funded during the first four years of the current Consolidated Plan. After some discussion, CDC member Nyquist made a motion to change transportation from a high priority to a medium priority, the motion was seconded by Carr and approved by all. Perpich commended that he would like to have some discussion about possibly funding a child care project during the next Consolidated Plan period.

Community Forums: Staff reminded CDC members about the upcoming Community Development forums scheduled for May 14th and 16th. The first forum will be held at the West Duluth Community Center on the 14th and will be hosted by CDC members. The second forum will be held at the Central Hillside Community Center on the 16th.

Election of Officers: Carr made a motion to “move people in current positions up to the next position.” The motion was seconded by Perpich and passed by all. With that, Michael Ramsey is the new Chairperson, Daniel Nyquist is Second- Chair and Justin Perpich is Third-Chair.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next CD Committee meeting will be June 25, 2013.