



*Duluth Community Development Program Mission is to invest in community programs that help low to moderate income people by addressing **basic needs**, providing **affordable housing** and increasing economic **self-sufficiency**.*

City of Duluth
Community Development Committee
October 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Room 303 - City Hall

I. Call to Order

Chair Barbara Carr called to order the meeting of the city community development committee at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in city hall room 303.

Roll Call

Attending: Debra Branley, Randy Brody, Barbara Carr, Reyna Crow, Cruz Mendoza, and Hamilton Smith

Absent: Harrison Dudley

Staff Present: Keith Hamre, Karen Olesen, Ben VanTassel, Kathy Wilson, Mazie Ventura

II. Approval of October 6th and October 8th 2015 Meeting Summaries

October 6 and October 8, 2015

MOTION/Second: Brody/Smith to approve the meeting summaries.

VOTE: (6-0)

III. Review Application Question Responses

Van Tassel reviewed agency responses to questions posed by Committee members during application review sessions.

Branley shared an anecdote about utilizing services with the Tenant Landlord Connection (TLC). She stated that her experience did not match up with what One Roof wrote about how the program operates. She did not receive follow through from the TLC on the issues she sought assistance with.

Brody questioned how the TLC would track the overall service and the impact it will have on homelessness issues.

IV. Discuss Funding Priority Correspondence

Olesen shared information that Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) had approved awards for multiple projects in Duluth including two of the projects that have applied for City funding, Gateway and the Center for Changing Lives.

Committee members discussed the letter from the At Home Collaborative requesting that 50% of CDBG funds go towards affordable housing projects. Considering the large amount of funding towards affordable housing from MHFA this year and the other important projects that would have to be cut from CDBG funds, Committee members did not want to put 50% of the funds towards affordable housing.

V. Review Funding Recommendations

Hamre provided the Committee with an overview of his funding recommendations.

The committee discussed concerns regarding funding neighborhood facilities and what policies are needed regarding public access. The Committee asked the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) for more clarification on policies and how the project qualifies as a neighborhood facility.

Carr questioned the justification for the Community Land Trust building new housing with limited resources instead of doing lower cost rehabs.

VI. Overview of 30-Day Public Comment Period and Next Steps

MOTION/Second: Brody/Branley recommended publishing funding amounts as recommended by staff for public comment.

VOTE: (6-0)

VII. Other Business

MOTION/Second: Crow/Brody motion to adjourn.

VOTE: (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wilson