



*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
March 21, 2017 Meeting Summary
City Hall Room 303

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Randy Brody called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Attending: Randy Brody, Hamilton Smith, Debra Branley, Cruz Mendoza

Absent: Reyna Crow, Barbara Carr, Mark Othus, Abbey Mlinar

Staff Present: Adam Fulton, Karen Olesen, Suzanne Kelley

II. Approval of Meeting Summary: February 28, 2017 Meeting

MOTION/Second: Smith/Mendoza to approve February 28, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed. **VOTE: (4-0)**

III. Options for Housing Priorities Discussion

Adam Fulton reviewed the housing funding priorities from 2015-2017 and then he outlined the three options for the 2018 program year. Specifically, he asked the Committee their thoughts on the following options:

- Targeted Neighborhood Rehabilitation- concentrating funds to focus on housing rehabs in specific areas. This option would involve partnering with other funding sources from the City, Duluth HRA, and St. Louis County. The specific areas that were discussed were in the Hillside, Lincoln Park, and Spirit Valley neighborhoods. This option would also entail helping with curb appeal and road/sidewalk facilities.
 - Committee members liked this option. They asked if housing units that were rehabbed would have resale restrictions. Staff answered that there would be income restrictions, however depending on the funding source, some restrictions last longer than others. The focus of this option is increase homeownership.
- Neighborhood Centers Multi-Family Prioritization-using funds to concentrate on multi-family buildings in an area. An example of this option was Lincoln Park, which would include the proposed AICHO 23rd Avenue West site and the proposed Garfield Square Piedmont, the Esmond Hotel redevelopment and the plaza reconstruction.
 - Committee members liked this option as well. They asked questions about leveraging resources for larger size projects.
- Homeless Facilities Option- using funds to focus on improving facilities for people who are currently experiencing homelessness. This option could entail improving existing facilities or building new facilities.

- Committee members also liked this option. They saw a need in having more facilities for people who are experiencing homelessness and see this as an important issue.

Committee members wanted more time to think about these options. They all agreed that the three options were important to the community.

Mr. Fulton told the Committee that there would more research into these options. MR. Fulton told the Committee that these may be incorporated into the 2017 Community Needs Assessment.

IV. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.