

Planning & Development Division

Planning & Economic Development Department

Room 160 411 West First Street Duluth, Minnesota 55802



Community Development Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Special Virtual Meeting –Web-Ex

1. <u>Call to Order and Roll Call</u>

Chair Hamilton Smith called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm

Roll Call

Attending- Hamilton Smith, Mark Osthus, Valerie Joeckel, Theresa O'Halloran-Johnson, Steve Wick, Anthony Reed-Fuglestad, Mike Mayou

Absent- Patricia Sterner and Breanna Ellison

Staff Present: Ben VanTassel, Suzanne Kelley, Kathy Wilson

2. Review of Virtual Meeting Protocol and Process

Manager Ben VanTassel provided an overview of the virtual meeting process; he explained that the meeting was available for people to attend virtually and individuals would have the option to provide comments during the public hearings through the Web-Ex system.

3. Approval of the Meeting Summary- September 1, 2020

MOTION/Second: O'Halloran-Johnson /Joeckel moved to approve September 1, 2020 meeting summary. **Vote (7-0)**

4. <u>Public Hearing for the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation (CAPER)</u>
Manager VanTassel provided an overview of the 2019 CAPER and discussed the various accomplishments by the agencies this past year.

Chair Smith opened the public hearing for comments.

There were 19 virtual attendees, mostly from agencies. To insure they had adequate opportunity to provide comment, Manager VanTassel went through the list of attendees to see if they had any specific comment. This included:

- Kevin Beicher- MACV- stated outreach is important for Veterans
- Brittany Robb- Safe Haven- stated the importance of provide shelter for people who are experiencing domestic violence
- Colleen Kelley- discussed the importance of supportive housing
- Jason Beckman-SOAR-discussed importance of building relations
- Jeff Corey-One Roof Community Housing updated everyone that the Decker Dwelling Multifamily building is under construction
- Jessie Peterson-Lake Superior Health Center-expressed gratitude for the new medical tables
- Jordan Johnson-Life House-this is an important time to provide opportunities for youth (18-24) experiencing homelessness and working with the school district to increase engagement
- Kate Bradley-Coordinated Entry Coordinator-stated 1,631 people were assisted with the CE program
- Kim Holak-Salvation Army-for the Landlord Incentive Program- stated the goal may be too high to achieve, especially now with COVID 19
- Lee Stuart-CHUM- stressed the importance of finding additional shelter facilities or warming shelters for the winter months
- Lenelle Hrabik_HRA-stated the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program is assisting people
- Noah Hobbs- One Roof Community Housing-COVID 19 has a significant impact on their program, there were a lot of cancellations due to the uncertainty of the economy.
- Rosalyn Horn-Salvation Army-permanent supportive housing had difficulty making their goal due to serving smaller families and due to COVID 19, many families in the transitional units were staying
- Scott Kottke-MACV-expressed support of the program
- Scott Van Daele-CHUM-stated the food shelf has be very busy
- Zayle Asquith-Heinz-stated that COVID 19 impacted the tax site due to the timing of the Stay at Home Order in March.

Chair Smith closed the public hearing.

MOTION/Second: O'Halloran-Johnson /Joeckel moved to approve the 2019 CAPER. Vote (7-0)

5. Public Hearing for Community Needs

Planner Kathy Wilson provided an overview of an online-community survey that taken from 9/4/2020 to 9/15/2020. 245 people participated in this survey; the majority of the respondents lived in LMI neighborhoods. 70% of the respondents were white, 18% were BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or People of Color), the remaining did not provide a response. The results of this survey is posted on the City's website. The community needs that received the most comments included the high cost of rent, the high cost of housing, and the need for improved community facilities, and access to broadband.

4. <u>Finalize FY 2021 Funding Priorites:</u>

Manager VanTassel reviewed the 2020 Funding Priorities, comparing them to what was funded. After discussion, the Committee decided to match the 2020 Funding Priorities, which included:

45%- Housing

15%-Economic Development

5%- Public Facilities

15% -Public Services

20%- Administration

9. Adjourn

MOTION/Second: O'Halloran-Johnson /Joeckel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48. **Vote (7-0)**