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Community Development Committee Meeting Summary

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Steven Wick called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Attending: Steven Wick (Chair), Jasmine Clark, Jen Harris, Pat Sterner, David Lewis, AC Kirk

Absent: Patrice Critchley-Menor

Staff Present: Lenna Johnson, Phillis Webb, Hannah Figgins, Kathy Wilson, Suzanne Kelley, Ryan Pervenanze

Approval of Meeting Summaries

a. Attachment: June 18th, 2024

Motion to approve both minutes **MOTION/Second: Sterner/Harris Vote (6-0)** with corrections.

Public Input Session for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

Chair Wick explained the activity that was to be conducted throughout the night for the group of individuals. He also stated that staff would be giving insight with reports, outreach efforts, and summaries. He said that these presentations were open to the public and that people could ask staff questions and provide comments during these presentations.

Housing Indicator Report

Staff member Lena Johnson reviewed the statistical data of the affordability from the 2022 Housing Indicator Report. In 2023, there was no Rental Survey and the City will be contracting for a more comprehensive report for next year.

2019-2024 Consolidated Plan Performance Report

Staff member Phillis Webb reviewed the current 2019-2024 5-year goals and explained which projects were exceeding the goals, meeting the goals, and ones that may not meet them. She also described the impact COVID had on the projects. She stated that numbers showed an increase of homelessness than expected.

Description of the 2024 Outreach efforts

Staff member Hannah Figgins described the outreach efforts by staff, which included attending events and communicating with agencies. Specific sites that staff attended were Lincoln Park Farmer's Market, Union Gospel mission lunch hour, and Family Freedom Center Friday night event. Staff found that QR codes were useful. Topics



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brought up were increase social services, employment with people with criminal records, roads for bikes. Agencies were also talked to, and themes were affordable housing, affordable childcare, among other things. One thing that was noticed is that more affordable section 8 vouchers apartments are in poor condition because of the age. Manager Pervenanze stated that there are codes that landlords need to abide to with the current housing stock of the city of Duluth.

#### Presentation on the 2024 Community Survey

Staff member Staff Wilson reviewed the results of the recent survey. There were 230 responses and there was a good representation of the LMI neighborhoods where these programs can help. The top priorities for community needs included housing cost being too high, utility payments too high, concern on infrastructure and safety to get around. Also improving parks and community center, and making parks more accessible to all were mentioned as highly needed. The Survey asked for barriers people experienced. The top barrier was the quantity and quality of housing. Also, the power that landlords have to not accept section 8 vouchers.

#### Community Needs Activity

Each table had the task of spending \$1 million dollars to improve the lives of other people who are making 80% AMI or below. Each group had twenty \$50,000 -dollar bill cards and your group can decide how to spend the funding by putting them on the allocated funding sheets.

#### Recap

Manager Pervenanze summarized the meaning behind the information provided by staff, as well as the significance of the activity completed.

#### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn **MOTION/Second: Lewis/Kirk Vote (6-0)**