

# Planning & Development Division

Planning & Economic Development Department

Room 160 411 West First Street Duluth, Minnesota 55802



#### **Community Development Committee Meeting Summary**

Tuesday, October 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Steven Wick called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

Attending: Steven Wick (Chair), Patrice Critchley-Menor (Vice-Chair), David Lewis, Pat Sterner,

Absent: Jasmine Clark, Lavelle (AC) Kirk, Jen Harris

Staff Present: Kathy Wilson, Suzanne Kelley

#### 2. <u>Approval of Meeting Summaries</u>

a. Attachment: October 1, 2024

Motion to approve minutes MOTION/Second: Sterner/Lewis Vote (4-0)

#### 3. PUBLIC HEARING for Pro Housing Application

a. Public Hearing Notice attached

The public hearing was opened at 5:39pm. City staff Wilson provided an overview of the draft application, highlighting how the City plans to spend the grant if awarded. \$4 million (80%) would go to the City's Housing Trust Fund to help finance affordable housing preservation and production. \$300,000 (6%) would go to hiring consultants to create an anti-displacement strategy to ensure that neighborhoods stay affordable even when there are new investments in those neighborhoods. Consultants would also be hired to produce strategies to help increase Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher utilization rates and decrease discrimination towards voucher holders. The remaining \$700,000 (14%) will go towards City staff time to administer the grant funds. Committee members discussed the need for these funds and voiced their support for the application.

Chair-Steve Wick MOTION/Second: Vote to approve the PRO Application Lewis/Critchley-Menor (4-0)

### 4. <u>Overview of FY 2025 Application Review and Score Sheets</u>

The CD Committee discussed the scoring process. Staff informed the Committee that the score sheets would need to be turned into City Staff by October 15, 2024 so that the scores can be tabulated. This information will be used to develop the Manager's Recommendations which will be presented at the October 22 meeting, which will begin the public comment hearing process. A public hearing on these recommendations is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The CD Committee will make their recommendations to City Council at their December 3, 2024 meeting.

## 5. HOME ARP Discussion

City Staff presented the five applications that were made for the HOME ARP funding and the score sheets. CD members can review this information before the October 22 meeting, in which recommendations will be made to start the public hearing process for the HOME ARP funding.

Adjourn 7:35 pm (Next meeting, October 22, 2024)

MOTION/Second: Critchley-Menor/Sterner Vote (4-0)