

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, March 3, 2014

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Commers, Rummel

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:40 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

Livable Communities Director, Beth Reetz, and Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented questions to the Community Development Committee regarding the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution plan. Their discussion consisted of two parts:

1. Review and status of past grants in achieving statutory objectives
2. Continuation of discussion from February 18, 2014 Committee Meeting -Using LCA as a tool for Implementing Thrive MSP 2040 Outcomes and Principles.

Question 1 - Do you want to provide projects located in areas of concentrated poverty and Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs) a preference, bonus points, or other method to increase the project score or competitive advantage?

The committee asked for other criteria, other than being located in RCAP, points should be awarded for goals not just location. Also requested is more investment to address RCAPs. Cannot focus just on RCAPs, other regions need affordable housing, need a balanced approach to insure fair share/burden.

Should such an advantage be the same for all LCA grant accounts, or should LHIA grants for affordable housing be handled differently?

Provide funding partner and applicant feedback and ideas on the planned changes and other needs they would suggest for the programs.

Question 2 - Is it sufficient that applicants be asked to explain how their project will advance equity, including helping residents in areas of concentrated poverty and racially-concentrated areas of poverty and/or lower-income households?

Should the applicants' answer to this question be quantifiable / measureable in order to aid in distinguishing the equity benefits afforded in different projects?

Should this answer be subjectively evaluated or objectively with scores assigned to different measurements?

Question 3 - Do you want staff to develop additional or stronger expectations related to the mitigation of climate change, resiliency, and/or reduction in greenhouse emissions?

The committee suggested cost effective projects with energy efficient construction certification and award points for energy efficiencies, offer incentives to builders, and reduction of waste. Changes suggested for next years' plan more feedback from applicants, more specific energy saving, vet key partners/stakeholders. Be more specific about what activities are grant eligible that could lead to energy savings

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary