

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 7, 2014

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Commers, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Rummel

Committee Members Absent: Wulff

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 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Announcements:

1. July 14 Joint Community Development Committee/Transportation Committee – 4:00 Heywood
2. LCA & equity sub-committee meetings at Metro Cities – CDC participants; Cunningham, Chávez, Elkins, Munt

INFORMATION

1. Overview of 2040 Housing Policy Plan (Libby Starling 651 602-1135; Tara Beard 651 602-1051; Jonathan Stanley 651 602-1555)

This agenda item is for discussion only. This is the first of three discussions on the Housing Policy Plan.

Council Member Chávez introduced Dr. Beverley Hawkins and made some introductory remarks. He gave a brief history of the discussions and the timeline for the committees this item will appear and the expected completion date and adoption at the October 22nd Metropolitan Council meeting.

Libby Starling, Tara Beard, and Jonathon Stanley provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Housing Policy Plan. During their presentation they solicited questions, comments, and suggestions from the Community Development Committee members.

The presentation consisted of five parts:

1. Demographics & housing challenges
2. Housing & the Thrive Outcomes & Principles
3. Council policies
4. Opportunities for impact

5. Implementation & next steps

Committee members wanted benchmark and targets. Ms. Starling explained targets can be interpreted differently by people and some targets are statutory or legally required, for example Title 8. Also asked from the Committee how housing performance scores are used. It was explained it is part of the housing performance goals which is a Council policy not a state statute.

Committee members asked about the use of Land Trust and a plan for workforce housing. Ms. Starling explained housing options, workforce needs and the connection between housing, work options and wages.

Committee members commented on the need for quality housing, especially people with disabilities and seniors, but without resources the expectations are unrealistic, a funding stream is needed.

Committee members commented on viable housing options and the question of “choice” was examined. Not all people have a choice was remarked. The issue of RCAP’s needs to be resolved. Starling responded that the plan includes expanding viable choices for all – a policy to create more choices.

Ms. Starling explained the plan to increase integration and reduce segregation; to create affordable housing opportunities by reducing barriers; state policy, funding, regulations, etc.

Committee members reminded Ms. Starling for the need of mixed types of units, studios, one-bedrooms and the demand for larger units for multi-generational families.

Committee members mentioned some missing information from the Housing Policy Plan. Not mentioned is discrimination in the housing market and HUD’s new rules.

The last discussion of the Committee members was to clarify the objective/purpose of this presentation; to explain the HPP, receive feedback, and to deliver a plan with value & equity.

Ms. Starling thanked the committee for their time and attention.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary