



Meeting Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

3:00 PM, Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Staff Liaisons: Lynne McConnell, Racheal Baker, Amy Fraley and Deena Cook

Roll Call AHAC members:

Cindy King (Chairperson), Keith Wooden, Kathy Austin, Ian Schmidt, Alison Hohengarten, Joanna Gardner, Heather Simmons, Mandy Dalrymple

Absent: Matt Martino

Meeting Guests: Elizabeth Oshel (City of Bend, Assistant Attorney), Barb Campbell (Bend City Council)

- **Public Comment**
 - No public comment
- **Approval of December Minutes**
 - Motion approved. Motion to approve made by Kathy Austin and seconded by Heather Simmons. Eight approved. None opposed.
- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
 - Chairperson King inquired with AHAC members as to potential conflicts of interest with regard to the presentations and development proposals presented at this meeting.
 - No potential conflicts of interest.
- **Public Services Presentations**

Applicants applying for funding will give 5-minute presentations followed by 10 minutes for questions.

 - **Shepard's House – Overnight Shelter Operations**
 - John Lodise, Director of Emergency Services, presented to AHAC members. Lodise described the Shepard's House low-barrier shelter and how it serves its participants, noting that they have seen a steady uptick in participants at the shelter. Shepard's House is requesting CDBG operational funding to be able to continue their important work in sheltering vulnerable people living on the street.
 - **Volunteers in Medicine – Medical Care for Uninsured Working Adults**
 - Kat Mastrangelo, Executive Director, presented to AHAC members. Mastrangelo described the typical patient and the services their patients receive. Volunteers in Medicine are requesting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide direct care for their patients.
 - **J Bar J – Living Options for Teens (LOFT)**
 - Eliza Wilson, Program Manager, presented to AHAC members. Wilson described the causes of youth homelessness and services provided through the LOFT. J Bar J is requesting CDBG funds to provide case management to youth in shelter.
 - **Thrive Central Oregon – Bend Services**
 - Sarah Mahnke, Executive Director, presented to AHAC members. Thrive assists people and families overcome financial and housing insecurity by connecting them with community resources. With an increase of clients, Thrive Central Oregon is requesting CDBG funds to support staffing the organization.

- **Deliberation**

- Lynne McConnell, Director of Housing for The City of Bend, provided an estimate in CDBG and Affordable Housing funding with an overview of estimated distribution, factors effecting distribution amounts and loan payment for both Program and Public Service.
- AHAC members deliberated over the various applications submitted for funding requests.
- Racheal Baker, Affordable Housing Manager, shared an interactive spreadsheet tracking funding as deliberations materialized and funding decisions were determined.
- Motion to approve Affordable Housing Funds made by Mandy Dalrymple and seconded by Kathy Austin. Eight approved. None opposed.
- Motion to approve CDBG funding for Program made by Alison Hohengarten and seconded by Ian Schmidt. Eight approved. None opposed.
- Motion to approve CDBG funding for Public Services made by Alison Hohengarten and seconded by Mandy Dalrymple contingent that if additional funds become available, those would be awarded to Shepard's House up to the full amount of their initial request. Eight approved. None apposed.
- Remaining CDBG funding for Programs will be available through a new request for proposal (RFP).

- **Staff Report**

- Committee – Council check in 1/19 at 4:00 p.m.
 - Cindy King has volunteered to represent AHAC at the next City Council check-in meeting.
- Stewardship Subcommittee 1/24 at 12:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – Shelter Code Update 1/24 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Kathy Austin will represent AHAC at this meeting.

- **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

- **Adjourn**

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