



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Virtual on Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:

Monika Bobo, Kathy Feingold, Hugo Rodriguez, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, , and Chair Eleanor Revelle

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Councilmember Devon Reid

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Flax, Housing & Grants Manager; Marion Johnson, Housing & Economic Development Analyst; Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT:

Amy Kaufman, John Barlett, and Mark Swartz

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Revelle called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum present.

2. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

A. Suspension of The Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to allow for members to participate electronically or by phone.

Moved by Loren Berlin

Seconded by Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma

Ayes: Monika Bobo, Hugo Rodriguez, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma

Seconded by Hugo Rodriguez

Ayes: Hugo Rodriguez, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, Kathy Feingold, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Abstained : Monika Bobo

Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote

4. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Renewal Contract for Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing for January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Staff summarized the contract for Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing and presented the Tenant Services Report. Discussion was had on tenant service specifics. Hugo Rodriguez expressed his approval of MTO/LCBH efforts and stated he would like to help in any way he can. Councilmember Burns inquired about the types of maintenance calls and response time. John Barlett, Executive Director of Metropolitan Tenants Organization was available to respond to inquiries.

Motion to approve the recommendation to the City Council for the funding of the renewal contract for Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

Moved by Joanne Zolomij

Seconded by Hugo Rodriguez

Ayes: Hugo Rodriguez, Joanne Zolomij, Monika Bobo, Kathy Feingold, Loren Berlin, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 8-0 on a recorded vote

B. Approval of Renewal Funding to Administer the Inclusionary Housing Waitlist

Staff summarized the request for funding to administer the Inclusionary Housing Waitlist by Community Partners for Affordable Housing. Discussion was had on inclusionary housing and waitlist management specifics. Amy Kaufman, Director of Development and Community Relations for CPAH was available to respond to committee inquiries.

Motion to approve the recommendation to the City Council for the funding of the renewal contract for Community Partners for Affordable Housing to Administer the Inclusionary Housing Waitlist

Moved by Kathy Feingold

Seconded by Joanne Zolomij

Ayes: Kathy Feingold, Joanne Zolomij, Monika Bobo, Hugo Rodriguez, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Tina Paden

Tina Paden cited recent sales of apartment buildings and noticed affordable units for 30% AMI, the Section 8 voucher. She stated she thanks Sarah Flax for including help for small landlords in the ARPA fund proposal. She illustrated how landlords have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Eviction Moratorium. She suggested councilmembers on the call vote Yes to small landlord aid in future proposals.

B. Sue Loellbach - Joining Forces for Affordable Housing

Sue Loellbach stated Connections gets calls from about 100 people a week and at least half of those only have one (1) or two (2) people in the household. She stated there is a need for housing of all sizes.

C. Sarah Flax Upcoming Items

Sarah Flax stated items coming up are the small Landlord working group, the one-stop shop retrofit program (as part of the Partners for Places project), and production of the CAPER report.

D. Councilmember Burns

Councilmember Burns stated he wants to know he, the committee and City Council take Tina Peydon's concern seriously to aid small landlords. He stated he understands her advocacy efforts.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to Adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting to February 15, 2022

Moved by Kathy Feingold

Seconded by Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma

Ayes: Monika Bobo, Kathy Feingold, Hugo Rodriguez, Joanne Zolomij,
Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and
Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote