



**Housing & Community Development Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**  
Virtual on Zoom

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
PRESENT:**

Monika Bobo, Committee Member, Kathy Feingold, , Hugo Rodriguez, Committee Member, Loren Berlin, Committee Member, Joanne Zolomij, Committee Member, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Devon Reid, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember, and Juan Geracaris, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sarah Flax, Interim Community Development Director; Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst

**1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**  
Chair Revelle called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**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 Zolomij  
Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Bobo, Feingold, Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Revelle, and Councilmember Geracaris

**Approved 8-0 on a recorded vote**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- A. Meeting minutes of the August 16, 2022 Housing & Community Development Committee.

Motion to approve the September 20, 2022 meeting minutes.

Moved by Feingold  
Seconded by Zolomij

**Ayes:** Bobo, Feingold, Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Councilmember Burns, and Councilmember Revelle

**Abstained:** Councilmember Geracaris

**Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote**

**4. HOME- ARP ALLOCATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Five (5) public comments were submitted; three (3) in writing and two (2) orally. The oral comment was in favor and came from the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County. This stakeholder strongly supported the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan as they recognized the efforts put forth in the creation of non-congregate housing as imperative to the City of Evanston, the Suburban Cook County region and the State of Illinois' plan to create more shelter beds. One email was received from Interfaith Action with a petition signed by more than 600 people in favor of funding a specific shelter in the City of Evanston. Staff reminded attendees that the item at hand was only concerned with the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and not potential subrecipients. The second oral comment was provided by a resident who had questions about the allocation process. Questions were answered orally and via Zoom chat during the meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

- A.

Discussion and Vote to Recommend Approval of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

Staff presented the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to utilize \$1,298,584 in HOME-ARP funds for non-congregate shelter and tenant-based rental assistance.

Motion to approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in the amount of \$1,298,584 for non-congregate shelter and tenant-based rental assistance.

Moved by Feingold  
Seconded by Councilmember Reid

**Ayes:** Bobo, Feingold, Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Revelle, and Councilmember Geracaris

**Approved 9-0 on a recorded vote**

B. Discussion to review forgiveness versus deferral of new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Loans

Staff discussed forgiveness versus deferral of new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Loans. Staff will bring back the topic for discussion in December of January.

C. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance 2022 Review: Overview

Staff presented an overview of the goals for review of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO).

D. Staff Updates

Small Landlord Taskforce - Staff continues to work on data analysis of the Residential Landlord Evaluation Survey. More updates will come in future meetings.

Public Facilities - Applications for public facilities project applications will be brought to the Housing & Economic Development Committee in early 2023.

Social Services Committee - Case management and safety net programs will be using moneys not yet expended in 2022. This will appear in the 2023 Action Plan to go to the Social Services committee.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tina Paden had questions about CDBG monies going to property standards and remarked on the need to readjust the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Revelle adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.