



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Virtual on Zoom

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Monika Bobo, Committee Member, Juan Geracaris, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Flax, Interim Community Development Director; Marion Johnson, Housing and Grants Supervisor; Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst

GUESTS:

Rob Anthony – Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Lara Biggs, City of Evanston, Angeliqne Schnur, City of Evanston

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Revelle called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Feingold

Seconded by Zolomij

Ayes: Feingold, Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, and Councilmember Revelle

Abstained: Councilmember Burns and Councilmember Reid

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Approved 5-0 on a recorded vote

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Meeting

Moved by Berlin

Seconded by Rodriguez

Ayes: Feingold, Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, and Councilmember Revelle

Abstained Councilmember Burns and Councilmember Reid

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Approved 5-0 on a recorded vote

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment period for DRAFT 2023 Action Plan closed. No public comments were submitted in regards to the DRAFT 2023 Action Plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Vote to Recommend 2023 Entitlement Grant Allocations by Goal based on Estimated 2023 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Grants

Staff presented allocations by percentage by each goal: Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Livable Communities, Public Services, Economic Development and Administration. Staff explained goals were comparable to last year due to program income.

Motion to approve 2023 Entitlement Grant Allocation by Goal Based on Estimated 2023 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Grants.

Moved by Councilmember Reid

Seconded by Feingold

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

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

B. REVIEW OF AND APPROVAL OF 2023 CDBG FUNDING FOR CITY OF EVANSTON PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS BASED ON AN ESTIMATED 2023 CDBG GRANT AMOUNT

1. [Housing Rehabilitation\(\\$174,825 including \\$106,290 EN and \\$68,535 RL\)](#)
2. [Code Enforcement \(\\$400,000\)](#)
3. [Alley Improvement N. of Linden Place, E. of Custer Avenue - 8th Ward \(\\$220,000\)](#)
4. [Alley Improvement N. of Mulford Street, E. of Elmwood Avenue - 9th Ward \(\\$240,000\)](#)
5. [Sidewalk Gap Infill – Leland Avenue from Emerson St. to Wade St. \(\\$120,000\)](#)
6. [Sidewalk Improvements Program \(\\$100,000\)](#)

Rob Anthony from the Community Partnership for Affordable Housing (CPAH), Lara Biggs from the City of Evanston and Angel Schnur from the City of Evanston were in attendance to present projects for CDBG funding. Including: Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement, Alley Improvements, and Sidewalk infill and improvement programs. Staff made themselves available to answer questions from the committee.

Motion to approve 2023 CDBG funding for City of Evanston programs and projects based on an estimated 2023 CDBG Grant Amount.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Zolomij

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

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

C. DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE
DRAFT 2023 ACTION PLAN TO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING
RECEIPT OF 2023 ENTITLEMENT GRANT AMOUNTS

Staff presented the DRAFT 2023 Action Plan, which includes allocations by goal based on CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants, as well as approval of City of Evanston projects based on CDBG grant amounts.

Motion to approve the DRAFT 2023 Action Plan to City Council following receipt of 2023 Entitlement Grant amounts.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Zolomij

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

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

D. Housing and Community Development (HCDC) 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates

Staff presented the Housing and Community Development 2023 proposed meeting dates. All dates will be on the Third Tuesday of every month, with the exception of the December meeting date, which will take place on December 12, 2023.

Motion to approve the 2023 Housing and Community Development meeting dates.

Moved by Councilmember Reid
Seconded by Zolomij

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

Approved 7-0 on a recorded vote

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Carlis Sutton provided public comment to state that he is in opposition to alley improvements in 2023 due to dissatisfaction with work in his alley. Staff and Cm. Burns explained to Carlis Sutton that funding for his alley is not funded by entitlement grants.

Tina Paden provided public comment to state discontent on the Small/Medium Landlord Assistance Program not being passed through to City Council approval.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Revelle adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.