



## Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 Room 2404

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hugo Rodriguez, Committee Member, Loren Berlin, Committee Member, Joanne Zolomij, Committee Member, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember, and Chloe Thurston, Commission Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

Devon Reid, Councilmember, Juan Geracaris, Councilmember, and Kathy Feingold

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sarah Flax, Community Development Director, Marion Johnson, Housing and Grants Supervisor; Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst; Bridget Nash, Sr. Project Manager; Lara Biggs, Bureau Chief

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Amy Kaufman, Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH);

**1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Chair Revelle called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE DRAFT 2024 ACTION PLAN**

No public comment was received regarding the DRAFT 2024 Action Plan. Public comment period was officially closed.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

R. Branch - R. Branch of the 5th ward is in favor of development efforts of Twiggs Park.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A. Approval of meeting minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting

Approval of minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting.

Moved by Zolomij  
Seconded by Berlin

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Motion approved with edits suggested by J. Zolomij

**5. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO RECOMMEND 2024 ENTITLEMENT GRANT ALLOCATIONS BY GOAL BASED ON ESTIMATED 2024 CDBG, HOME, AND ESG GRANTS AND REALLOCATION OF 2022 CDBG ADMIN FUNDS**

Approval to recommend 2024 entitlement grant allocations by goal based on estimated 2024 CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants and reallocations of 2022 CDBG Admin funds.

Moved by Berlin

Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

**B. REVIEW OF AND APPROVAL OF CDBG FUNDING FOR CITY OF EVANSTON PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS BASED ON AN ESTIMATED 2024 CDBG GRANT AMOUNT**

[1. 2024 CDBG Housing Rehab Application \(\\$143,000\)](#)

[2. 2024 Housing Code Enforcement Application \(\\$357,000\)](#)

[3. 2024 Lake-Darrow Alley Application \(\\$290,000\)](#)

[4. 2024 Simpson-Ashland Alley Application \(\\$210,000\)](#)

[5. 2024 Sidewalk Improvements Application \(\\$100,450\)](#)

[6. 2024 Twigs Park Payne Playground Application \(\\$250,000\)](#)

[7. 2024 Twigs Park Simpson Playground Application \(\\$200,000\)](#)

2024 Entitlement Grant allocations were discussed, Amy Kaufman from the Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH); Lara Biggs and Bridget Nash from the City of Evanston Public Works Agency were present to answer questions from the Committee regarding entitlement grant applications. Sarah Flax, Director of Community Development joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to talk about the 2024 Housing Code Enforcement Application.

Approval of the 2024 CDBG Housing Rehab Application of \$143,000.00

Moved by Rodriguez  
Seconded by Zolomij

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston  
**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Housing Code Enforcement Application of \$357,000.00

Moved by Rodriguez  
Seconded by Zolomij

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston  
**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Twigs Park Payne Playground Application of \$250,000.00

Moved by Berlin  
Seconded by Thurston

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston  
**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Twigs Park Simpson Playground Application of \$200,000.00

Moved by Berlin  
Seconded by Zolomij

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston  
**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Lake-Darrow Alley Application of \$290,000.00

Moved by Berlin  
Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston  
**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Simpson-Ashland Alley Application of \$210,000.00

Moved by Berlin  
Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

Approval of the 2024 Sidewalk Improvements Application of \$100,450.00

Moved by Zolomij

Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

C. DISCUSSION AND VOTE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT 2024 ACTION PLAN TO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF 2024 ENTITLEMENT GRANT AMOUNTS

Staff was present to outline the [DRAFT 2024 Action Plan](#). The City of Evanston's DRAFT 2024 Action Plan outlines how the City's 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, program income, and unspent CDBG funds from prior years, will be used to improve the quality of life primarily for low and moderate income Evanston residents. The 30-day comment period for the City's DRAFT 2024 Action Plan opened on Friday, November 10, 2023. No public comment was received regarding the DRAFT 2024 Action Plan.

Approval of the DRAFT 2024 Action Plan to City Council following receipt of 2024 Entitlement Amounts.

Moved by Rodriguez

Seconded by Zolomij

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

D. VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2024 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Staff presented the 2024 HCDC Meeting dates.

Approval of the Housing and Community Development (HCDC) proposed meeting dates for 2024.

Moved by Berlin

Seconded by Rodriguez

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Berlin, Zolomij, Burns, Revelle, and Thurston

**Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Revelle adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.