



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 Council Chambers

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Hugo Rodriguez, Committee Member, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember, Juan Geracaris, Councilmember, Chloe Thurston, Commission Member, Fran Sweeney, Committee Member, and Joanne Zolomij

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Devon Reid, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Williams, Planning Manager/Interim Housing Manager, Marion Johnson, Housing & Grants Supervisor, Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst, Uri Prachter, Senior Housing Planner

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jen Fueuer-Crystal, Senior Director of Housing and Youth Programs – Connections for The Homeless

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Paden - T. Paden asked for more support for small landlords, minorities, and low-income families.

T. Connolly - T. Connolly share a statement from the Community Alliance for Better Government to include discussion on the Wesley buildings.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Geracaris
Seconded by Thurston

Ayes: Burns, Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, and Sweeney
Abstained: Rodriguez and Zolomij

Motion Passed 5-0 on a recorded vote

4. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of \$250,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Funding for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

Staff presented the application for renewal of funding for the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. Jen Feuer-Crystal, Senior Director of Housing and Youth Programs at Connections for The Homeless was present to answer questions from the committee.

Motion to recommend approval of \$250,000 of renewal funding for a new cohort of families in the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program, administered by Connections for the Homeless.

Moved by Councilmember Geracaris
Seconded by Thurston

Ayes: Rodriguez, Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij
Abstained: Burns

Motion Passed 6-0 on a recorded vote

- B. Evanston Housing4All / Strategic Housing Plan - DRAFT Framework

Staff presented the DRAFT Framework for the Strategic Housing Plan and was available to answer Committee questions. The discussion focused on developing an actionable housing strategy, funding and partnerships. Timeline and feedback opportunities were discussed.

- C. Discussion: DRAFT Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO)

The discussion focused on the 2024 update to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance proposal, the revision schedule. Attention was given to the increase in minimum requirements, increased predictability for Inclusionary Housing unit providers, increased variety of units and increased protections of economic and racial diversity, and local and national program comparisons.

- D. 2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan Update and Discussion

Staff provided the 2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan update and explained citizen participation, the makeup of the consolidated plan, and approval before submittal to HUD.

5. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

- FY 2024 HUD Grants were received.
- There are no updates for Urban Shelter CDBG Application, updates should be received within one or two weeks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Revelle adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.