



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember
Juan Geracaris, Councilmember
Chloe Thurston, Commission Member
Emily Maloney, Committee Member
Fran Sweeney, Committee Member
Trina Ntamere, Committee Member
Joanne Zolomij

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Bobby Burns, Councilmember
Devon Reid, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Flax, Director of Community Development, Margaret Sparr,
Property Maintenance Supervisor

GUESTS:

Robert Anthony, President - Community Partners for Affordable
Housing

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of committee members, including the newly appointed - Emily Maloney and Trina Ntamere.

3. PUBLIC INPUT ON AMENDED DRAFT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CLOSING OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

T. Paden commented on the DRAFT Citizen Participation Plan. Thus closing the 30-day public comment period.

4. PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ DRAFT 2025 ACTION PLAN AND CLOSING OF THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

E. Paset and T. Paden commented on the DRAFT 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan/DRAFT 2025 Action Plan. Thus closing the 30-day public comment period.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment submitted.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of meeting minutes from November 19, 2024.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the November 19, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Zolomij

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns and Reid

Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

7. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Vote to Recommend 2025 Entitlement Grant Allocations by Goal based on Estimated 2025 CDBG, HOME Grants and to Reallocate \$4,830.35 of 2023 CDBG Admin

Staff presented 2025 Entitlement Grant Allocations based on 2025 CDBG and HOME Grants, and to reallocate \$4,830.35 of 2023 CDBG Admin.

Motion to approve of the allocations by goal by percentage based on estimated 2025 CDBG and HOME Grants and to reallocate unexpended 2023 CDBG Administration & Planning funds.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Thurston

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns and Reid

Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

B. Review of and Approval of CDBG Funding for City of Evanston Programs and Projects Based On An Estimated 2025 CDBG Grant Amount

Staff presented the 2025 Housing Rehab program with \$450,000 in CDBG funds, the 2025 Housing Code Enforcement Applications, and the CDBG Target Area map. Rob Anthony from the Community Partners for Affordable Housing, and Margaret Sparr from the City of Evanston Property Standards Division were present to answer questions from the committee.

Motion to approve \$450,000 in CDBG funds for the 2025 Housing Rehab program application.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris
Second: Thurston

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij
Nays: None
Absent: Burns and Reid
Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

Motion to approve \$250,000 for the Housing Code Enforcement program application.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris
Second: Zolomij

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij
Nays: None
Absent: Burns and Reid
Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

C. Discussion and Vote to Recommend Approval of the Draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan

[Draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan](#)

Motion to approve the Draft Amended Citizen Participation Plan

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris
Second: Thurston

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij
Nays: None
Absent: Burns and Reid
Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

D. **Discussion and Vote to Recommend Approval of the Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan/2025 Action Plan to City Council Following Receipt of 2025 Grant Amounts**

Staff presented the Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan. Staff answered questions from the committee about population changes, HUD reporting standards, and changes in funding amounts.

Motion to approve recommendation of the Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan to City Council following receipt of the 2025 Grant Amounts.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Thurston

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Ntamere, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns and Reid

Abstained: Maloney and Sweeney

E. **Discussion of the Envision Evanston 2045 Comprehensive Plan**

[Envision Evanston 2045 Comprehensive Plan](#)

The committee discussed the Draft Envision Evanston Plan. Sarah Flax, Director of Community Development was present to answer questions from committee members.

Motion to discuss the Envision Evanston 2045 Comprehensive Plan

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Thurston

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns and Reid

Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

F. **Housing and Community Development (HCDC) 2025 Proposed Meeting Dates**

Staff recommends approval of the Housing and Community Development (HCDC) proposed meeting dates for 2025.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Zolomij

Motion Passed 5-0-2

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns and Reid

Abstained: Maloney and Ntamere

8. ADJOURNMENT

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