

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 21, 2012
5th Floor Conference Room
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Jan Davis, Gordon Smith, Chris Pelly

Welcome and Introductions

Councilman Jan Davis opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1. Minutes

The meeting minutes from May 10, 2012 were approved.

2. Updates

- a) Housing Trust Fund – Randy Stallings gave a brief update on the financial status of the Housing Trust Fund. The Housing Trust Fund has a current cash balance of \$653,577 with 3 undisbursed loans totaling \$640,000. City Council has appropriated \$500,000 in the new budget which will be made available to the fund on July 1st. An anticipated \$8,300 of additional funds are expected this month, with a projected available balance of \$527,353 on July 1st.
- b) Tiger II Grant – Jeff Staudinger gave a brief update on the progress of several Tiger II initiatives.
- c) CNT Study – Jeff Staudinger gave a brief description on how staff are hoping to use the study.

3. Unfinished Business –

- a) MHO Loan Request – Residences at the Glen Rock – Randy Stallings gave a summary of the request from MHO. In January 2012, City Council approved \$220,000 in Housing Trust Fund (HTF) loans for the development of twenty-two (22) units at the Glen Rock Hotel on Depot Street. Staff has received a request from Mountain Housing Opportunities (MHO) for additional funding in the amount of \$167,000 to complete the project financing. Cindy Weeks, James Dennis, and Scott Dedman of Mountain Housing Opportunities spoke on the project. Cindy Weeks discussed the possibility of including a grocery store in the first floor of the building. Councilman Smith moved to approve the additional loans per the terms of the attached Staff Report. Councilman Pelly seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b) Request for Loan Forgiveness, 39 Hazard Street – Staff presented a written request for loan forgiveness from Ms. Loretta Young for a property located at 39 Hazard Street. Council members requested staff seek more information on the original loan and revisit the request at a later date once a final sales price has been determined.
- c) Homeless Initiative: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Jeff Staudinger gave an update on the status of the ESG grant and the process of applying for the State funds. The HCD Committee recommends that Council approve the process for the ESG grant and accept the City Community Development Division as the lead agency and fiscal agent for the ESG grants. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the HCD Committee on funding of the ESG grant.
- d) ABCRC: Fair Housing Funding Proposal – ABCRC has requested \$15,000 in Fair Housing Assistance Program Funds (FHAP). Jeff Staudinger gave a brief background on FHAP funds

and ABCRC's application. Dr. Larry McCollum, President and Sarah Nunez, Director of ABCRC, spoke on the proposal. Councilman Smith moved to approve the application and recommend the request of \$15,000 to City Council. Councilman Pelly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- e) OnTrack: Changes in HomeBase Program – Jeff Staudinger gave an update on the request for changes to OnTrack's HomeBase Program. Celeste Collins, Executive Director of OnTrack, spoke on the requested changes. After careful analysis and consideration, OnTrack has decided to discontinue the HomeBase program. Therefore, OnTrack will not enter into new contracts for CDBG and HOME funding for the program. OnTrack would also like to terminate its existing HOME TBRA contract, and make those funds available to other agencies providing these services. Staff intends to bring a specific proposal to the HCD Committee (for the use of CDBG funding) and the HOME Consortium (for the HOME funds) to these bodies' next meetings.
- f) Repeal of the Fair Housing Ordinance – Discussion will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

4. Public Comment – Dee Williams updated the Committee on the projects she is working on in the Community.

5. Next Meeting – July meeting is canceled, Next meeting will be August 9, 2012.