

Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee



Minutes August 26, 2020

Present Members:

Charles Jean-Baptiste, Sue Huff, Susan Metsker, Dave Myres Michele Neylon, Brian Roby

Present Staff: Jenni Miller, Jesse Mofle, Viki Schmidt, David Ward, Rachael Wood

Absent Members: Commissioner Fast, Jennifer Howerton

Meeting began at: 8:35 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 1 Introductions

Agenda Item No. 2

Minutes from February 12, 2020 Committee Meeting

- Viki Schmidt asked if there were any comments, additions, or deletions to the February 12, 2020 committee meeting minutes. Dave Myres moved to accept the minutes; Susan Metsker seconded. On full vote, minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item No. 3 2021 Action Plan

- Viki Schmidt provided an overview of the Action Plan process, reviewed the CDBG funding recommendations completed July 13, 2020 by the CDBG Rating Subcommittee and asked for any questions. Viki added that Lenexa has rejoined the Consortia which will now give Lenexa residents access to the HOME program. Viki asked for a recommendation of the plan to the Board of County Commissioners. Dave Myers moved to recommend and approve the 2021 Action Plan to the Board of County Commissioners and Brian Roby seconded. On full vote the plan was approved.

Agenda Item No. 4

Streamlined Annual (2021) Plan for Johnson County Housing Authority

- David Ward explained that there were no changes to the Streamlined Annual Plan for Johnson County Housing Authority. A formal public process is required to review the plan each year. Housing is doing the best they can with the number of vouchers they have which has been fixed since 2010. Susan Metsker made the motion to approve the Streamlined Annual (2021) Plan for Johnson County Housing Authority. Dave Myres seconded the motion. On full vote the plan was approved.

Agenda Item No. 5

CARES Act Funding

- **CDBG-CV**

Viki Schmidt reported that on March 27, 2020 the President signed the CARES Act in response to the coronavirus. The CARES act provides CDBG funding and removed the public service Cap of 15 percent. On April 2, 2020 Chairman Eilert received Johnson County's CDBG-CV allocation

letter from HUD. Johnson County received \$631,737. The Cities of Overland Park and Shawnee received their own allocation of CDBG CV from HUD. On April 27, 2020 Johnson County, Overland Park and Shawnee developed and sent a survey to the community to understand the most immediate needs to respond to COVID-19. Survey feedback identified rental/utility assistance and food, PPE/healthcare, and childcare. The CDBG-CV application was posted June 1, 2020 and applications were due July 1, 2020. On June 26, the County's Substantial Amendment was published for comment. On July 13, 2020 the Rating Team reviewed applications and made funding recommendations. Next, the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD. Once HUD approves the amendment and the County receives funding, contracts will go out. Viki also noted that through an existing MOU, the City of Olathe will receive 41 percent of the County CARES allocation. CDBG-CV agencies will also receive administration funds and all funds must be expended by September 30, 2022. The second allocation of CDBG-CV is going directly to states. David Ward added that Housing received some CARES funds and utilized it for administration and technology in response to COVID-19.

- **Emergency Solutions Grants – CV1: Award Announcement from KHRC**

Jenni Miller reported that on June 23, 2020 Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) announced ESG-CV1 funding based on 2019 funded agencies. \$245,259 was directly allocated to Johnson County for street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing. Jenni stated that the County was able to increase our ask and applied for a total of \$323,733, not including administration and hopes to receive announcements and contracts soon. KHRC will have additional rounds of ESG-CV funding.

Agenda Item No. 6

Housing Audit Updates

- David Ward reported that the County Audit Team spent several months reviewing the Johnson County Housing Choice Voucher program. The auditors had no findings and no recommendations; only few suggestions which is remarkable. The Housing Department also participated in the County Single Audit on the Housing Choice Voucher program which also had no findings.

Agenda Item No. 7

Other

- Viki Schmidt discussed 2021 the dates for the Housing and Advisory Committee meetings. The committee will meet February 17, 2021 and will focus on approving the 2020 CAPER. The committee will meet August 18 or 25, 2021 to review the 2022 Action Plan. The Rating Team will meet July 12 or 19, 2021 and the February or March 2021 meeting will review the CAPER/Needs Assessment Hearing.

Agenda Item No. 8

Announcements

- Viki Schmidt reported that the Housing and Community Development departments are being reassigned to the Planning Department within Johnson County Government. This item is on Action Review for the August 27, 2020 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Next Meeting Date: February 17, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Room 1070-75 at Sunset Office Building. A zoom option will also be provided.

Adjourned: 9:15 a.m.