



*Duluth Community Development Program Mission is to invest in community programs that help low to moderate income people by addressing **basic needs**, providing **affordable housing** and increasing economic **self-sufficiency**.*

City of Duluth
Community Development Committee
March 27, 2018 Meeting Summary
Room 106A- Duluth City Hall

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Brody called the meeting to order at 5:39.

Roll Call

Attending: Randy Brody, Hamilton Smith, Mark Osthus, Noland Makowsky

Staff Present: Adam Fulton, Ben VanTassel, Suzanne Kelley, Kathy Wilson

II. Approval of Meeting Summary from February 27, 2018

MOTION/Second: Smith/Osthus to approve the February 27, 2018 meeting summary. Motion passed. **VOTE (4-0)**

III. FY 2019 Pre-Commitment

A. Decker Dwellings

Jeff Corey (Executive Director, One Roof Community Housing) provided an overview of the Decker Dwellings project and described that a pre-commitment will help with the project's competitiveness for state tax credit funding. The project located near Decker Road in the Duluth Heights neighborhood will be a 39-unit apartment building for households of varying affordable income levels. Mr. Corey explained that there was potential for additional housing at the site, but that would be part of a later phase.

Adam Fulton (Community Planning Manager) explained the tax credit process for the CD Committee and discussed how this project fits in with city housing goals. Hamilton Smith asked that the overview for projects be sent out with the agenda for more time to consider.

MOTION/Second: Osthus/Makowsky to recommend to the City Council a pre-commitment of \$275,000 in FY2019 funding for the Decker Dwellings project. Motion passed. **VOTE (3-1**, Smith dissenting).

IV. 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan - Progress

A. Suzanne Kelley gave an overview of the progress towards the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan goals through 2017. She highlighted that the Economic Development, Public Services, and Public Facility categories were all on track to reach or exceed their goals at the completion of the Consolidated Plan time period. In the housing category, rental housing rehabilitation is exceeding the goal, however home-owner rehabilitation, the creation of new rental units, and new single family housing need significant progress in 2018 and 2019 to reach the goals laid out in the 5-year plan. The committee discussed possibilities for increasing the output of these efforts.

V. Review of Impediments to Fair Housing planning process

Kathy Wilson discussed the difference between an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and an Assessment of Fair Housing as described by HUD. She described the process and timeline for the City of Duluth in the upcoming months, and that the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing should be completed prior to the next Consolidated Plan development.

Kathy Wilson described how fair housing complaints are handled by the city- through the City's Human Rights Officer, Carl Crawford. The committee encouraged staff to extend an invitation to Carl Crawford to attend a future meeting to hear more about his work.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION/Second: Smith/Makowsky to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. **VOTE: (4-0)**