

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Tuesday:

November 22, 2016:

The Regular Meeting of the Community Development Committee of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

The Community Development Committee Members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John Strand, Linda Boyd, John Paulsen, Lynn Fundingsland, Samantha McDonald, Thomas Hill (United Way)

Absent: Commissioner Tim Mahoney, Bruce Grubb, Jan Ulferts Stewart, Linda Klebe

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Strand welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 1, 2016

Ms. Boyd moved the minutes of the September 1, 2016 Community Development Committee meeting be approved. Second by Ms. McDonald. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority – CDBG housing request

Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FHRA) Executive Director Lynn Fundingsland provided a brief summary of this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding request. He noted the FHRA is requesting the City assist with a proposed project for the development of affordable housing at the intersection of 45th Street South and 30th Avenue South, to help replace the Lashkowitz High Rise. He added development would begin in late 2017.

Mr. Fundingsland declared a conflict of interest on this item and was excused from voting.

Mr. Paulsen moved the Community Development Committee approve the use of \$500,000 in CDBG funding for the acquisition of 4462 30th Avenue South by the Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Second by Mr. Hill. On call of the roll Members Boyd, Paulsen, Strand, McDonald, and Hill voted aye. Member Fundingsland abstained from voting. Absent and not voting: Members Mahoney, Grubb, Ulferts Stewart, and Klebe. The motion was declared carried.

Item 4. What Works Cities Initiative

Community Development Administrator Dan Mahli introduced this item stating the City of Fargo has been invited to participate in the *What Works Cities Initiative*, which offers resources at no cost to the City to help expand the use of data in decision-making. He noted the goal is to deliver services more efficiently and at lower costs to residents, and to advance objectives that focus on neighborhoods and livability including open data, performance management, and peer network.

Discussion was held regarding the types of data requests for this initiative; other communities that are participating in this initiative; and data collection needs for this process.

Mr. Fundingsland moved to recommend the City Commission approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Johns Hopkins University, and initiate the partnership with What Works Cities. Second by Mr. Paulsen. On call of the roll Members Hill, McDonald, Strand, Paulsen, Boyd, and Fundingsland voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members Mahoney, Grubb, Ulferts Stewart, and Klebe. The motion was declared carried.

Item 5. Roosevelt/NDSU Neighborhood Research

Tyrone Grandstrand, who has a Master of Science in Urban Policy Analysis and Management, presented this item to the Board stating there are concerns about the Roosevelt/NDSU neighborhood becoming blighted; the low ownership rate; and the nature of ongoing real estate development. In addition, he noted previous/ongoing policies related to these concerns included the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative and the University Mixed-Use District. He stated his research is to look at what actions the City of Fargo could take to alleviate/solve these challenges, as well as how the previous actions taken by the City and others has impacted the problem.

Ms. Boyd moved the Community Development Committee willingly participate in this project and partner with Tyrone Grandstrand in this capacity, placing this research under community development. Second by Mr. Hill. On call of the roll Members Fundingsland, Paulsen, Boyd, Strand, McDonald, and Hill voted aye. Absent and not voting: Members Mahoney, Grubb, Ulferts Stewart, and Klebe. The motion was declared carried.

Item 6. Review 2017 Community Development calendar, budget & public input meeting

Mr. Mahli presented a handout to the Board, listing the 2017 Community Development Grant applications that were received. He also reviewed the 2017 Community Development calendar and budget. In addition, he noted a public input meeting will take place on December 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room to discuss the needs, goals, and objectives of community development efforts in Fargo.

Item 7. Other Business – future meeting dates

Board Members discussed Community Development Committee meeting dates for 2017. All Members agreed the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, will be the tentative meeting dates for 2017.

Item 8. Adjourn

The time at adjournment was 4:09 p.m.