



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Virtual on Zoom

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Monika Bobo, Committee Member, Kathy Feingold, Committee Member, Hugo Rodriguez, Committee Member, Loren Berlin, Committee Member, Joanne Zolomij, Committee Member, Bobby Burns, Councilmember, Devon Reid, Councilmember, Jonathan Nieuwsma, Councilmember, and Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Flax, Housing & Grants Manager; Marion Johnson, Housing & Economic Development Analyst; Ana Elizarraga, Housing & Economic Development Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT:

McGaw YMCA Staff: Monique Parsons, Nicole Woodard, Jodi Wickersheimer. Family Focus Staff: Dara Munson, Dottie Johnson, Mariana Osoria, Sherneron Hillard, Vanessa Allen. One Stop Shop Staff – Bob Dean (CNT), Robbie Markus (Evanston Cooperative), Henry Love (Elevate), Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Revelle called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with a quorum present.

2. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

A. Suspension of The Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to allow for members to participate electronically or by phone.

Moved by Devon Reid

Seconded by Joanne Zolomij

Ayes: Monika Bobo, Kathy Feingold, Hugo Rodriguez, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Devon Reid, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 9-0 on a recorded vote

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes of the April 19th Housing & Community Development Committee

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 19, 2022 meeting minutes.

Moved by Devon Reid
Seconded by Loren Berlin

Ayes: Kathy Feingold, Hugo Rodriguez, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Devon Reid, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Abstain: Monika Bobo

Carried 8-0 on a recorded vote

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Betty Bog, Executive Director of Connections for The Homeless

Betty Bog stated Connections for The Homeless fully supports funding for YMCA rehabilitation project.

B. Stephen Vick, Executive Director of Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

Stephen Vick, stated he is in full support for the Family Focus Evanston Center rehabilitation.

C. Rose Johnson, Resident

Rose Johnson stated Family Focus is important and should be maintained. She went on to say that during the ARPA Townhall meeting in support of Family Focus.

D. Marion Johnson provided summary of letters of support for the YMCA project. More than 50 letters in support, one letter in opposition inquiring about disruption of the lives of those who live at the YMCA during construction.

E. Paul Joseph

Paul Joseph stated he is concerned about the transition and practical items such as relocation of YMCA residents, and Wi-Fi.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. Staff Update: ARPA and non-ARPA funding

Sarah Flax provided an update on ARPA and non-ARPA funding, as well as the CDBG, ESG and HOME Entitlement Grant awards.

B. Discussion and Funding Recommendation for the McGaw YMCA Men's Residence Renovation

Monique Parsons was available to answer committee inquiries regarding the McGaw YMCA Men's Residence Renovation project presented at the April 19, 2022 Housing and Community Development meeting.

Motion to recommend \$3,000,000 in ARPA funding for the McGaw YMCA Men's Residence Renovation

Moved by Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma
Seconded by Monika Bobo

Ayes: Monika Bobo, Kathy Feingold, Hugo Rodriguez, Loren Berlin, Joanne Zolomij, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Councilmember Devon Reid, Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, and Councilmember Eleanor Revelle

Carried 9-0 on a recorded vote

C. Discussion and Funding Recommendation for the Family Focus Evanston Center Revitalization

Dara Munson, President & CEO of Family Focus, presented the Family Focus Evanston Center Revitalization Project. Dara and Family Focus staff was available to answer committee inquiries. Discussion will continue at the June 21, 2022 Housing and Community Development meeting.

D. Discussion and Funding Recommendation for the Evanston One-Stop Housing Retrofit Pilot Program

Bob Dean, CEO of Center for Neighborhood Technology, Hank Love, Director of Midwest Marketing Development and Strategy, and Robbie Markus, Founder of Evanston Development Cooperative presented the Evanston One-Stop Housing Retrofit Pilot Program. Presenters were available to answer committee inquiries. Chair Revelle, Councilmember Nieuwsma, and Committee Member Kathy Feingold recused themselves from discussion due to ties with the Evanston Development Cooperative. Discussion will continue at the June 21, 2022 Housing and Community Development meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Revelle adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.