

CARVER COUNTY CDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

705 N. Walnut Street, Chaska, MN 55318

February 20, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT:

CDA Board: Sarah Carlson, Molly Koivumaki, Greg Anderson, Darrel Sudheimer

Staff: Julie Frick, Allison Streich, Karen Reed, Elise Durbin, Dave Beddoe

Others: Shane Fineran, City Administrator of Watertown
Nick Koltavy, Assistant County Administrator of Carver County
Lee Blons, CEO/President at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

Absent: John Fahey-Commissioner,

I. CONVENE CARVER COUNTY CDA BOARD MEETING

II. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Sarah Carlson.

III. AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion by Sudheimer, Second by Anderson. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the January 16, 2020 CDA Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the Dashboard and Resolution No. 20-07 as presented. Motion by Anderson, Second by Koivumaki. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lee Blons, CEO/President of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative was at the meeting to inform the Board and staff on the work of Beacon and Families Moving Forward. Beacon is a collaborative of 100 congregations predominantly in Hennepin, Scott and Carver Counties. They operate Families Moving Forward, a shelter model using congregations. They own 18 apartments, with 85% of the units for households at or below 30% AMI. Families Moving Forward in Carver/Scott started five years ago. Since that time, they have served 34 Carver County families. They are currently working on a proposal for a 50 unit permanent supportive housing project in Shakopee.

VI. BOARD REPORT/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Resolution No. 20-08 - Approve the January 2020 Record of Disbursements

A1. After discussion, Motion by Sudheimer, second by Koivumaki to approve Resolution No. 20-08 as presented. Motion carried.

B. Community and Economic Development

1. Resolution No. 20-09 Approve 2020 Community Growth Partnership Initiative Grant Awards

A1. Durbin provided the board with an overview of the projects submitted. There were two pre-development and a total of five community development applications (oversubscribed). Durbin explained recommendations around the five community development projects and the three being recommended for funding at 85% has to do with the other two being shovel ready. Shane Fineran, City Administrator for

Watertown, attended the meeting. Fineran indicated the two Watertown projects are indicative of what they see in the community for businesses. From a job creation perspective, the commitment is on the low end so there is an opportunity to add more than promised. The city's commitment to provide assistance and guidance is illustrated in two projects. Koivumaki asked about the Ernst project and what is the benefit of the redevelopment. Durbin explained it would be a new housing type in that area and having a mix benefits the community. The second benefit is redevelopment of the property and the impact on the tax base. Anderson recused himself from the vote. After discussion, Motion by Sudheimer, second by Koivumaki to approve Resolution No. 20-09 as presented. Motion carried.

C. Housing

1. Resolution No. 20-10 - Resolution Approving Write-off of Past Tenant Balances for January 2020

A1. After discussion, Motion by Anderson, second by Koivumaki to approve Resolution No. 20-10 as presented. Motion carried.

D. Administration

1. Fair Housing Policy

A1. Streich presented that while the CDA has always had internal fair housing policies and train staff annually, as part of funding from the Met Council, they are requesting an external fair housing policy. After discussion, Motion by Anderson, second by Koivumaki to approve the Fair Housing Policy with minor corrections. Motion carried.

2. Fair Housing Training-Streich informed the Board of the upcoming annual fair housing training. If not able to attend, Streich indicated there would be two alternate options for annual training.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Nick Koktavay provided the board with several updates. Commissioner Ische was appointed as Chair and Commissioner Degler was appointment as Vice Chair. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan was finalized through the Met Council and put on the Board agenda for final approval in January. The County is halfway through the process for the Deputy Director position that Nick vacated when appointed Assistant County Administrator.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ITEMS OF INTEREST

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sudheimer, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Sarah Carlson, Chair

Date