



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Housing Advisory Commission

Monday, February 5, 2018

6:30 PM

Meeting Room A

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairwoman Clemen.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: James Bernicky, Michele Clemen, Robert Fischer, Mercedes Haber-Kovach, Linda Kuhn, Edwin Hojnacki, Steve Lakner, Student Member Dev Satpahty

Absent: Laura Ellman, Linda Wilhelm, Student Member Rahul Aggarwal

Others Present: Kasey Evans, Kristen Foley, Ruth Broder

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Phil Meno, representative of the DuPage Homeless Alliance, thanked the Commission for adding their suggestion for consideration during New Business.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Concur with the Fair Housing Complaint Review Panel's determination to dismiss Fair Housing Complaint FH1702.

Kuhn gave an overview of the Review Panel's discussion. Foley clarified the Illinois Department of Human Resources complaint was referenced because both parties included information about it in their documentation. A motion was made by Chairwoman Clemen and seconded by Kuhn to concur with the Review Panel's determination to dismiss Fair Housing Complaint FH1702. Motioned carried by voice vote; 7-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Provide input to Ryan Companies regarding the 5th Avenue Project.

Jim McDonald, Ryan Companies, attended the meeting to answer questions and gather input from the Commission with respect to the 5th Avenue Project. He gave an overview of the process to-date and summarized upcoming activities. Potential future development would likely be completed in phases over several years. A public survey on land use and building height is expected to be released in early March, and will be available on the project website.

Commissioners recommended Ryan Companies review the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), that a portion of the housing units in the development be attainable, and while housing for seniors continues to be important, to also consider the housing needs and affordability for all generations.

2. Consider recommendation from the DuPage Homeless Alliance to assign a Housing Advisory Commissioner as AI Project Manager.

The Commission discussed how best to monitor and ensure implementation of the AI action items. There was some concern that spreading out responsibility for tracking progress on the action items to the whole Commission would reduce accountability, but that it might be too much for a single person. There was consensus to form a 2-commissioner committee to work on budget requests and track progress. The committee will meet and report back to the Chair. Haber-Kovach and Kuhn volunteered to be the first 2 commissioners to serve on the committee.

F. REPORTS:

1. Receive the report regarding progress on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) action items.

The fair housing training/education RFP is in final review and is expected to be published at the end of the week with a submittal deadline of February 23, 2018, and Commission scoring and discussion of the proposals is tentatively scheduled for the March HAC meeting.

The City is expecting to receive some reimbursements of CDBG funding, meaning there may be funding to conduct an affordable housing study in the near term.

While some of the action items require funding, completion of a number of the action items is contingent on there being adequate staff resources available. Staff resources are limited to working on 1-2 small/medium action items or 1 large action item a year.

2. Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Housing Advisory Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Kuhn and seconded by Fischer to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2018. Motioned carried by voice vote; 7-0.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Haber-Kovach, seconded by Commissioner Hojnacki; meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.