

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TELECONFERENCE**

September 14, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: LaQunya Baker, Marcella Barnett, Lynn Bittel, Jaime Carolina, Demetra English, Teri Marquantte, Britany Noble, Jason Schneider, Charlene Wisher-Howard

Members Absent: *Vince Chowdhury, Hayley Reddish
***Excused**

**Late Arrivals/
Early Departures:** N/A

Staff Present: Rodney Milton, Jeff Hancock, Brittany McGaughy

Guests Present: N/A

Roll Call

Chairperson Teri Marquantte called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and roll call followed.

Approval of Agenda

Lynn Bittel motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Jason Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The August 10, 2021 minutes were not available due to tech issues. Approval of minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting on October 12, 2021.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Committee Member Briefings - open

No Updates.

Communications from Staff

a. **CD Manager Updates – Rodney Milton, Manager**

• **Housing Strategy Update**

Rodney explained to the group that in the Housing Strategy, we are moving along on the Production and Preservation side of things. Rodney explained that a fair amount of our agreements from the recommendations have moved forward. Rodney also explained we have allocated about 21 million dollars in private activity bonds out of the 84 million dollars' worth of proposals. Rodney also explained that we have assigned the Housing

Authority our private activity bonds, so they will be allocating those funds to those awardees.

Rodney also explained the Production and Preservation working group for housing strategy is actively working on documenting projects and making connections to funding. This group is also working on communications with developers through their process and working on cost effectiveness. The People work group is currently working on hiring a manager to help facilitate this team. This team has also been working hard to maintain CDBG funds for rehab programs, rental assistance and down payment assistance. The Places and Process working group has identified two sites as mentioned at our last meeting. Housing Colorado will be hosting a charette with stakeholders to gather feedback and to help determine what to do with the one of the properties. This is another opportunity form the housing strategy implementation to utilize city owned property for affordable housing. The other property will go through an internal process lead by our community engagement manager Charisse to see what the community would like to see happen.

Rodney also mentioned we are still in the process of finding safe outdoor space and transitional housing. We are currently looking into ways to procure or purchase a hotel or motel to do conversion. Rodney also explained the House Bill 211271 passed legislation from the state. This is state stimulus dollars. The state is going to use this money as a planning grant for local jurisdictions to pursue policies for affordable housing. Rodney explained we are going to explore two policy initiative in homelessness.

Discussion ensued. Staff answered the Committee members questions.

Loan Write-Offs – Jeff Hancock, Financial Supervisor

Jeff Hancock presented the Write-off report.

Communications from Committee

- None presented.

Adjournment

- Marcella Barnett motioned to adjourn the meeting and Lynn Bittel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes taken by:

Brittany McGaughy Date
Administrative Specialist
Housing and Community Services Department

Minutes reviewed by:

Rodney M. Milton, Jr. Oct 18, 2021

Rodney Milton, Manager Date
Community Development Division

Minutes approved by:

Teri Marquante 10/18/21

Teri Marquante, Chairperson Date