

Minutes of Regular Meeting
HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
April 17, 2019
7:00 pm – Room 215

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:09 pm by Chairperson, Dominic Tocci

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dominic Tocci (Chair), Amy Dean, Debby Macey, Trisha Girdwood, Andrew Williams-Clark, Mary Mauney, Jonathan Burch, and Trustee Liaison Simone Boutet

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey J. Prior (staff liaison)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jay Ready (OPRHC) and Michael Stewart (OPRHC)

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Ms. Debby Macey moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Mary Mauney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: No non-agenda public comment was provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Drew Williams-Clark moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Amy Dean seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

JOINT COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHAIR MEETING: Mr. Prior reported that work continues on the “Handy Man” program in cooperation with the Aging in Place Commission. He also reported that the Community Development Technician will be presenting a talk on “How to Select a Contractor” at the Celebrating Senior Coalition Week on May 7th.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS/INCLUSIONARY ZONING: Mr. Prior informed the committee that the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition was interested in having a representative from the Community Investment Corporation make a presentation to their group on the Opportunity Investment Fund, which had been discussed at the HPAC meetings. Trustee Simone provided an update on the Affordable Housing Funds in that no litigation was impacting progress on moving forward. She did not have any update to report on the status of the ordinance.

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Chair Tocci introduced from the Oak Park Regional Housing Center (OPRHC) Jay Readey, Interim Executive Director, and Michael Stewart, Marketing Director. Mr. Readey provided an overview of the OPRHC explaining that it has become harder to promote housing and that the organization needs to embrace technology. He further explained that several strategies are

needed for Housing in Oak Park including opening up more units to low or moderate income people and having new developers. He stated that currently there is a hot demand for the Village. There was a discussion with some of the committee regarding data collection, housing demographics through self-reporting by tenants, and the racial make-up of clients to OPRHC. Several suggestions were provided on how to improve OPRHC which led to a discussion including community building, community conversations, listening sessions, and brain storming sessions. A question was asked as to the best way to accomplish integration. Mr. Readey responded by referencing a book co-authored by Rick Sander titled *Moving toward Integration: The Past and Future of Fair Housing*, which suggests that reducing residential segregation is the best way to reduce racial inequality.

WORK PLAN DISCUSSION: There was no specific discussion on LMISD related to the Work Plan as this information was incorporated into the discussion of Multi-Family Housing Incentive Programs.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Drew Williams-Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ms. Debby Macey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey J. Prior, Staff Liaison