



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved CDA HOUSING OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, September 9, 2013

3:00 PM

Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard
Housing Operations Division - Suite 120
Conference Room (First Floor)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

CDA Staff Present: Tom Conrad, Lisa Daniels, Augie Olvera, Melissa Steinmann

Present: 5 -

Sue Ellingson; Marilyn A. Feil; Trina Protz; Paul E. Skidmore and Debbie K. Zamzow

Absent: 1 -

Jerome Holliday

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 5, 2013: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

A motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Minutes of August 5, 2013. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT / SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Sariah Daine indicates Romnes now has a resident association board and that office opened on September 1st. We were thrilled Sue Ellingson was kind enough to be there.

Sue asked if Sariah receives emails from Baycreek Association as they meet and discuss topics that someone from Romnes should hear about. Sariah indicates she does go to those meetings.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

5. REPORTS

5a. Housing Operations Monthly Report

Augie Olvera reports we are doing well on occupancy rate. We are at 98%.

Tom Conrad reports that applicants have been pulled from the Section 8 wait list in an effort to hand out

30 more vouchers. Tom indicates there is uncertainty for 2013/2104 funding, but we should be ok for 2014 and we can replace vouchers lost through attrition this year.

Tom indicated that for the VASH program, the VA has three Social Workers, one Peer Counselor and one Physician Assistant all working on a case load of 110 veterans. VA staff indicate that it is difficult to get through the VA paperwork and that they only deal with people receiving services through the hospital. Augie added that with this latest allocation, the VA had to hire someone first before they could proceed with this utilization.

A motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5b.

2014 PHA Annual Plan

Augie states that the Annual Plan is due to HUD every year. Section 8 homeownership, ROSS, FUP, veterans program, are all optional programs for us to administer. But, we will look at opportunities to increase our vouchers, and provide additional support to our residents and program participants.

Tom comments that one of the optional programs is the family self sufficiency (FSS) program. People receive services for employment and/or education to improve their financial status. CDA had a family that participated in the FSS program for two years and after two years, the voucher holder found full-time work, and the daughter also found full-time work. The household's combined income means they graduated from the FSS program. We disbursed the escrow to them because their income went up and they will be off the Section 8 program. We are down to 11 and we only have 13 FSS slots. We have sent out 75 letters for additional recruitment. We think this family's success story will generate more people's interest in the FSS program.

A motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5c.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Julie Spears, Community Development Block Grant, gave a short presentation on the draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for City of Madison. The study looks at big picture in our community. You can provide feedback up to October 15th, and forward your comments to Augie.

Sue Ellingson asked if a study has to be done annually, and requested a hard copy of the study document.

Julie Spears commented HUD is proposing a complete overhaul. The City had a two page version that sufficed for many years. This study took over two years to complete because the data is heavy.

Sue Ellingson asked if she has any data that says we need more units. The developers in my district say there is not enough demand for three bedroom apartments.

Augie comments that the majority of the market is for two bedroom units.

Sariah Dane asked if we have dealt recently with the impediments plan.

Julie indicates the consultant said in comparison to other communities in Wisconsin, Madison is doing well. With this study, we will be in a better position to evaluate where to make improvements

Deb asked if the report indicated how many more units are needed.

Julie didn't think it did but will take a closer look. Matt Wachter is working on that piece now and the Housing Strategy Committee is putting the plan together.

A motion was made by Ellingson, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.