

PUBLIC HEARING #2

September 11, 2008

Public hearing on housing and community development needs and to hear application presentations for FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs.

Minutes from the meeting are attached

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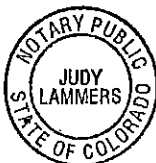
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
On Thursday, September 11, 2008, the City of Longmont will hold a Public Hearing to hear presentations on housing and community development needs. At this hearing, the Longmont Housing and Human Services Advisory Board (LHHSAB) will consider Housing, Economic Development, and Neighborhood Improvement projects for funding with Community and Development Grant (CDG) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HIPS) funds in the year 2007-2009.
In addition, on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to hear the recommendations from the LHHSAB for funding Housing, Economic Development, and Neighborhood Improvement projects with the above funds. These hearings will also be used to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the City of Longmont for the 2009 Annual Update to the Five Year General Plan for 2007-2009, which is required for receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds and for the 2007-2009 Annual Update for the Boulder County/Broomfield County consolidated plan for 2007-2009, which is required for receipt of Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds.
The hearings will be held at the following times/locations:
Longmont Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday, September 11, 2008, 7:00 am
Twin Sisters Conference Room
Development Services Center
385 Kimber Street
7:00 am
City Council
Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Council Chambers
307 Kimber Street
7:00 am
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For more information call Kathy Fedler at (303) 637-3687 or Sally Raney at (303) 774-9339. Go to the city's website at www.cityoflongmont.co.us and look under their News and Events section.
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**Longmont Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Minutes of September 11, 2008 meeting**

Members Present: Mary Vigil, Leslie Irwin, Eve Canfield, Beverly Springer, Deborah Cooper, Heather Brandt, and Jill Scott, and Sean McCoy.

Members Absent: Mark Lowe and Edward Evans

Guests Present: Don Hammond

Staff Present: Karen Roney, Kathy Fedler, and Sally Raney

Agenda Item 1: *Call to Order:* LHHSAB Chair Leslie Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: *Approve minutes from August 14th meeting:* Jill Scott moved and Beverly Springer seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: *Update on 2009 human service agency funding allocation:* Karen Roney distributed the draft 2009 Human Service Agency Funding Council presentation document to the advisory board for review and comment. Karen noted the section regarding a facilitated planning process for agencies that provide homeless services, and asked the LHHSAB if they had any modifications. The LHHSAB suggested that the language be changed to stress that funding recommendations could be modified based on outcomes from the facilitated process.

Agenda Item 4: *2009 CDBG, HOME and Affordable Housing Funding Hearings:*

Thistle Community Housing – Operations for Home Ownership Program: Staff from Thistle Community Housing presented information regarding their programs/services. They are requesting funds to operate/support their Homeownership Center. Thistle is in the process of developing a Workforce Housing program and exploring foreclosure purchases for the Community Land Trust (CLT) program, for which they require more staff and funds to operate.

Boulder County Housing Counseling Program – Homeownership Training: Staff from Boulder County explained to the LHHSAB that they served 487 clients in 2007, 33% of which were Longmont residents. Most of the clients served through one-on-one counseling are related to foreclosures. The Housing Counseling program moved into the City of Longmont's Development Services Center, and has increased from 1 – 5 staff members from 2007-2008. The Housing Counseling program is exploring avenues to enhance outreach in Longmont, with particular focus on the Hispanic community. The agency has applied for a specific grant that will assist with this effort.

Review Affordable Housing Funding recommendations from Technical Review Group: Kathy informed the LHHSAB that 6 applications were received. The

Technical Review Group (TRG) reviewed the applications and conducted hearings and developed the following recommendations:

Habitat for Humanity Land Acquisition – TRG is recommending a loan at 0% interest in the amount of \$120,000 to be repaid over 20 years.

Imagine! – Land Acquisition and Soft Costs for new Smart Home – TRG is recommending a \$60,000 forgivable loan (ten year period to start in year 41) with up to an additional \$13,000 to be added if city receives more than the minimum amount of funding.

Longmont Christian Housing – Refurbishment of elevator at St. Vrain Manor – TRG is recommending a \$104,000 forgivable loan (20 years) with up to an additional \$13,000 to be added if the city receives more than the minimum amount of funding.

Thistle Community Housing – Exhaust Fan Replacement at Parkville Apartments – TRG is recommending a \$40,000 10-year forgivable loan.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program – The TRG is recommending a \$100,000 grant with up to an additional \$13,000 if more funding becomes available.

Longmont Housing Authority – Debt Reduction at Aspen Meadow and – Debt Reduction and other improvements at Briarwood - Based on the information provided in the two above-listed applications, the projects are not eligible for CDBG or HOME funding. CDBG does not allow for debt reduction, and HOME requires significant rehab work to allow for debt reduction.

Funding deliberations: Kathy went over the funding recommendations chart and explained that there is a glitch with how projects can be funded due to funding terms (i.e. loans vs. grants) or nature of project. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance can only come from HOME or the Affordable Housing Fund (AH Fund), and if Thistle/Parkville grant is funded with Affordable Housing funds, then that would require Council permission because AH funds are to be used for loans only.

However, Kathy explained that there is an option for redistribution for certain projects due to an upcoming loan repayment to the AH fund in the amount of \$238,000*.

The Longmont Housing Authority has requested that the \$105,321 (previously approved for allocation from the CDBG fund) be instead allocated from the AH fund which is less restrictive. This would free-up \$105,321 in CDBG funds.

Based on the \$238,000* in AH Funds, Kathy asked the LHHSAB whether they'd like to:

- 1) Reopen the funding process for competitive applications
- 2) Look at what was not funded
- 3) Other ideas

The LHHSAB would like to invite the Longmont Housing Authority to resubmit the Aspen Meadow Neighborhood application that would meet the funding criteria, but does not want to reopen for competitive applications.

Eve Canfield made a motion to accept the funding recommendations from TRG and the Funding Recommendation Chart, swap out the \$30,000 for the Parkville project to be funded from CDBG, and allocate the \$105,321 for the Rental Rehab Project from AH Funds when the loan repayment is received. Deborah Cooper seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5:

Other business: Kathy informed the LHHSAB that MicroBusiness Development has ceased operations, and \$2,395 in CDBG funds have been recaptured. Kathy asked the LHHSAB to approve using the funds for the "Digital Divide" program. The Digital Divide program will provide computers and free internet to low-income families in Longmont with children enrolled in middle and high school. The City of Longmont is working with St. Vrain Valley School District, The Inn Between, Housing Authority's Section 8 program and Thistle Community Housing to identify and qualify participants. The purpose of the program is to provide the children with tools to help them succeed in school. Kathy informed the LHHSAB that there are already 25 families that are qualified and ready to go.

Jill Scott made a motion to use the recaptured funds to fund the "Digital Divide" program. Mary Vigil seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6:

Adjournment: There being no other business to conduct Mary Vigil moved for adjournment at 9:00 p.m. Eve Canfield seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

*Updated information shows this amount to be \$154,535