

PUBLIC HEARING #3

September 28, 2004

Public Hearing on housing needs and to present the recommendations of the Human Relations Commission.

Minutes from 9/28 meeting are attached

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On Thursday, September 9, 2004, the City of Longmont will hold a Public Hearing to hear presentations on housing and community development needs. At this hearing, the Human Relations Commission will consider Housing, Neighborhood Improvement and Community Improvement projects for funding with Community and Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the year 2005 and will consider Housing projects for funding from the Affordable Housing Fund in 2004. In addition, on Tuesday, September 28, 2004, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to hear the recommendations from the Human Relations Commission for funding Housing, Neighborhood and Community Improvement projects with both CDBG and Affordable Housing 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 Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2005-2009 which is required for receipt of Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

The hearings will be held:

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Senior Center, Meeting Room E

910 Longs Peak Avenue
Longmont, CO. 80501:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Council Chambers
Longmont Civic Center

350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, CO 80501

7:00 p.m.

If you have a disability or are non-English speaking and require accommodations to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Longmont Community Development Block Grant Office as early as possible at (303) 774-4339. A minimum of three working days prior to the public hearing would be appreciated so that reasonable accommodations can be made. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

Para informacion en Español, llame (303) 774-4445.

For more information, call Kathy Fedler at (303) 651-8736 or Sally Raney at (303) 774-4339 or go to the city's website at www.ci.longmont.co.us and look under the "News and Events" section.

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Housing and Community Improvement Projects Proposed for Funding

The Human Relations Commission will be presenting its recommendations for funding housing and community improvements projects using both the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Affordable Housing Fund to Council on Tuesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. If you would like to find out more about what is being recommended for funding, attend the above Public Meeting, call Kathy Fedler at 303-651-8736 or go to the city's website at: www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/agendas/agendas.htm

City Talk Board Vacancies End of Year 2004 Recruitment

City Council is accepting applications for vacancies for a variety of boards, committees, and commissions. All applicants must be a registered voter of the City of Longmont for one year prior to appointment. For more information or to apply, visit the website at: www.ci.longmont.co.us/boards/index.htm, <<http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/boards/index.htm>> or contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649. Deadlines for receiving applications are 5 p.m., Friday, October 22.

Register to Vote for November 2 Elections

Don't forget to register to vote for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Voter registration deadline is Monday, October 4, 2004. You can register to vote at any of the following locations: Longmont City Clerk's Office at 350 Kimbark. The Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 529 Coffman, Longmont, 722 Main, Louisville or 1750 33rd Street, Suite 200, Boulder. Boulder County Courthouse at 14th and Pearl, Boulder or Weld County Administration Building, 4209 Weld County Road 24.5, Del Camino. If you are not sure whether you are registered and want to find out, call 303-413-7740 for Boulder County Elections or 303-651-8649 for the Longmont City Clerk, or visit the County's website at: www.co.boulder.co.us/clerk/elections/index.htm

Fire Prevention Week: October 3-9

Since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week is observed the Sunday through Saturday in which October 9 falls. On that day in 1871, The Great Chicago Fire occurred. The Chicago Fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings. During Fire Prevention Week, watch "Sparky's Greatest Escapes" on Channel 3. Sparky the Fire Dog will show your family how to make a home escape plan, so that every member of your family knows how to get out quickly and safely in the event of a fire. If your family has not practiced a home escape plan in the last six months, they could be unprepared in an emergency. If you would like more information on how to make a home escape plan, please call the Longmont Fire Department at 303-651-8437.

Professional Standards Review Panel Recruitment 2004

The City of Longmont is accepting applications for vacancies on the Professional Standards Review Panel. These two-year terms begin 01-01-2005 and expire 12-31-2006. Applicants must be registered to vote and must live within the Longmont City limits. Citizens with misdemeanor convictions in the past five years or any felony convictions ever, will not be considered for the panel. Current employees of any law enforcement agency and immediate family members of Longmont Police Department employees are not eligible for appointment. The deadline for applications is November 12 by 5 p.m. For application forms contact the City Clerk's Office, 350 Kimbark St. or call 303-651-8649.

Curbside Leaf Collection

Public Works Solid Waste Operations is helping residents dispose of their leaves at no charge. Residents may place bagged leaves IN THE STREET ONLY on the dates listed below by 7 a.m. and leave them out until collected (about one week). City of Longmont Public Works Operations is offering compostable paper bags for leaves to residents free of charge. Bags can be picked up from the Senior Center, Memorial Building, Civic Center Information Booth, Recreation Center, Museum and Cultural Center, Public Works Maintenance Facility, and Eco-Cycle Drop-off Center. Please do not tie or staple the compostable bags closed, but if you use your own plastic bags, please tie each bag closed. If your collection day is Monday, place your leaves out Monday, Oct. 4 OR Monday, Nov. 8. If your collection day is Tuesday, place your leaves out Monday, Oct. 11 OR Monday, Nov. 15. If your collection day is Wednesday, place your leaves out Monday, Oct. 18 OR Monday, Nov. 22. If your collection day is Thursday, place your leaves out Monday, Oct. 25 OR Monday, Nov. 29. If your collection day is Friday, place your leaves out Monday, Nov. 1 OR Monday, Dec. 6. Residents may also dispose of loose leaves only (no bags or trash of any kind), at the Tree Limb Diversion Center, located at 140 Martin Street, on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The leaves will be mixed with the mulch at the Center, which is available to all residents at no additional charge. For further information, call 303-651-8416.

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B. Proposed Funding Recommendations for 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program and Public Hearing for Citizen Input (for) Proposed Uses from the Affordable Housing Fund for 2004

Kathy Fedler, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator (CDBG), reviewed the recommendations from the Human Relations Commission (HRC) on the allocation of 2005 CDBG funds and proposed uses from the Affordable Housing Fund for 2004. Ms. Fedler reviewed the specifics on each of the projects as outlined in the Council communication and the reasons the projects were selected for funding by the HRC. All the CDBG funds are being allocated. HRC recommended that CDBG solicit another round of housing applications in the January/February timeframe, putting the affordable housing funds on a twice a year basis. CDBG would get more timely applications (projects that are ready to go), and get the funds disbursed in a quicker fashion. If approved, there would be another \$623,000 available from the Affordable Housing Fund in January, 2005. If additional funds are obtained from HUD (Housing and Urban Development) that are beyond our estimates, HRC is recommending new construction of housing for low income disabled persons.

Council member Lange inquired why the Inn Between was not funded at full level. It requested \$300,000 and is scheduled to receive \$72,000.

Ms. Fedler replied that, originally, the monies were earmarked for renovation for Inn Between 3, which is not yet owned. However, after the application was submitted, it was discovered that the stairways and decking on the second level at Inn Between 2 is much more deteriorated than originally thought. A letter was submitted asking if the requested funding could be used for that purpose. At this point, the Inn Between 3 project is not being funded at all.

Council member Lange had questions about the Rental Rehab program and Micro Business Development Corporation. Ms. Fedler responded that the Rental Rehab program applied for \$220,000. Of that amount, \$187,000 is earmarked for loans to property owners and \$23,000 for administration of the program. The Technical Review Group felt more work needed to be done on the rental rehab design. It was decided to give the Longmont Housing Development Corporation \$5,000 to better develop the program design, enabling the group to come back in January better prepared to apply for funding. Ms. Fedler concluded that CDBG was giving Micro Business Development Corporation \$10,000, but that amount was coming from 1999 CDBG funds instead of 2005.

Council member Brown commented that most people he has talked to object to this tenant-based rental assistance program because it is perceived as more a program for the landlords rather than for the homeless. He questioned who will care for the properties? Neighbors do not want the value of their property to decrease.

Ms. Fedler responded that the tenant-based rental assistance program is designed to operate like a Voucher program. The tenant does have to pay a minimum amount and the assistance is given to the landlord, or any landlord who will accept the voucher. The housing gets inspected and has to meet minimum standards. CDBG has found that the properties that are receiving rent assistance through the Section 8 program are not the ones that are being neglected.

Responding to Council member Winger's question about the individual development account program, Ms. Fedler responded that there are an estimated ten people per year assisted through this program. Actually about 15 per year are applying and going into the program. Three persons in the program have met their goals and purchased homes. There is a couple saving to further their education. The program has been very

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successful. Open application meetings are held and participants must be under case management to meet their success goals.

Council member Winger raised a point of order that the time was almost 11 p.m.

Council member Winger moved, seconded by Wilson, to suspend Council's Rules of Procedure and extend the meeting. Motion carried: 6-0 (Block absent).

Responding to Council member Brown's question of who the assistance recipients are, and how they became needy, Ms. Fedler replied that these same questions were points of discussion for the two advisory groups. The majority of people who are homeless are working, but not making enough to make their rent payments. They are forced to use the OUR Center's assistance or double up with relatives or friends. To receive assistance the State requires that they have to be working and they have to be families. The CDBG can set its own criteria such as the requirement to remain in Longmont.

Responding to the Council member Brown's question about a day center for the homeless, Ms. Fedler replied that the HRC recommended that the day center concept move forward. The OUR Center is investigating whether they will be able to provide that service at their hospitality center.

Mayor Pirnack opened a public hearing on the 2005 CDBG program and proposed uses for the Affordable Housing Fund. There being no one present to address Council on these issues, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Council member McCoy moved, seconded by Winger, to approve the CDBG recommendations for expenditures. Motion carried: 6-0. (Block absent)