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Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008 5:30-7:30 PM
110 N. 4th Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room

Members Present: David Blanchard, Barbara Eichmuller, Robyn Konkell, Kristine Martin, Soni Mithani, Teresa Myers, Anthony Ramirez, Ned Staebler, Stephen Pontoni

Members Absent: Stephen Rapundalo, Margie Teall

Staff Present: Candace Cadena, Jennifer Hall, Mary Jo Callan

Guests: Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer

I. Convene Meeting

N. Staebler called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda

K. Martin moved to approve the agenda; B. Eichmuller seconded. Motion Approved 7-0 (Eichmuller, Konkell, Martin, Mithani, Myers, Ramirez, Staebler, Pontoni Aye, 0 Nay).

III. Approval of the Minutes

K. Martin moved to accept the minutes from January 8, 2008; S. Mithani seconded. Motion Approved 7-0 (Eichmuller, Konkell, Martin, Mithani, Myers, Ramirez, Staebler, Pontoni Aye, 0 Nay).

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Discussion Items

A. Mortgage Foreclosure Proposal (ACTION). C. McClary made a presentation to the Board on a community collaborative to address the mortgage foreclosure crisis in the County. A funding proposal was discussed that included hiring a counselor; creating intake specialists; increasing legal services; adding to an existing revolving loan fund; and educational and marketing expenses. The Board discussed and rejected a proposal to expand the criteria of the revolving loan fund to include people who were not City residents but who worked in the City. It was suggested that the loan fund criteria be revised to expand eligibility to existing City residents and staff should look into expanding the loan fund to City employees who were not City residents. **S. Pontoni moved to recommend that City Council approve the budget and proposal to provide \$190,000 in general funds for mortgage foreclosure services as outlined in the proposal; B.**

Eichmuller seconded. Motion Approved 8-0 (Eichmuller, Konkel, Martin, Mithani, Myers, Ramirez, Staebler, Pontoni , Blanchard Aye, 0 Nay).

B. Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Presentation. J. Hall gave a presentation

C. William Street Station.

i. Public Hearing on replacing the 100 units at the former Y Site. The hearing will be held on February 12th, from 6pm – 8:30 pm at 200 N Main in the lower level conference room. Each speaker will have 3 minutes on a first come basis. MJ Callan will request that CTN tape the meeting. Notices will be sent via e-mail and hard copy.

ii. Guest Speakers. Corporation for Supportive Housing, Synod, and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the former Y clients and their space and service needs. J. Hall will invite speakers to discuss the funding options to the following meeting in March and she will follow-up with the DDA to determine how they can dialog with the HHSAB.

VI. Updates

MJ Callan reported that the City has until March of 2008 to decide whether to join the Urban County. Discussion has focused on decision making and funding.

MJ Callan reported that the County Board of Commissioners formed a taskforce to create a plan for sustainable funding for housing support services.

VII. Adjournment

B. Eichmuller moved to adjourn the meeting; K. Martin seconded. N. Staebler adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.