

Community Development Advisory Commission

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Commission Members in Attendance

Brian Courtney - *Commission Chair*

Joyce Blandon

Michael Brooks

Mike Johnson

Robin Lamott-Sparks

Robert Werner

Others in Attendance

Colette Kroop

Alyssa Bussard - *Commission Clerk*

Call to Order

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:34.

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021 meeting

Mr. Courtney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 16, 2021. Mr. Werner made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

Community Development Manager's Report

ADA Improvements

There are no updates at this time.

Blight

There are no updates at this time.

Business Assistance

There are no updates at this time.

Down Payment Assistance

There have been two down payment assistance closings completed this year.

Fair Rent

There are no updates at this time.

Infrastructure

There are no updates at this time.

Public Service Agencies

There are no updates at this time.

Residential Rehab

There has been one new roof completed.

Other Business

Ms. Kroop also reported the following:

There were 90 people displaced by the fire on Mix Avenue in Hamden. Ms. Smith is overseeing the operation to ensure that those displaced can find transitional housing, permanent housing, and ensure that they can store their belongings. The Keefe Center is working with the Red Cross and other local organizations to ensure that all of the needs are being met.

Old Business

There is no old business at this time.

New Business

Ms. Kroop shared their screen in order to go over the Annual Action Plan with the commission. This plan had been sent to the commission members prior to the meeting so they were able to review it. Ms. Kroop went through the projects to explain if any of the allocation priorities shifted. After discussion, Ms. Kroop explained that the commission members needed to vote to accept this AAP. Mr. Courtney asked for a motion to approve the Annual Action Plan. The motion was made by Mr. Brooks, and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously in favor.

Ms. Kroop shared the plan for the Covid funding request which had been shared in detail prior by Ms. Smith. After a discussion, Ms. Kroop stated that a vote would be needed to approve this plan. Mr. Courtney asked for a motion to approve the plan. The motion to approve the plan was made by Ms. Lamott-Sparks and seconded by Mr. Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kroop stated that in order for the commission to be able to vote on the CAPER plan which would provide the town with federal funding, the regular meeting to be held on August 11 needs to be rescheduled to August 25. Mr. Courtney asked for a motion to cancel the regular meeting and schedule a special meeting for August 25. The motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Blandon. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Courtney called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Lamott-Sparks. The meeting concluded at 7:03pm.

Submitted By: Alyssa Bussard, Commission Clerk