AFFORDABLE /WORKFORCE HOUSING ADVISORY

COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 3, 2011

The Affordable/Workforce Housing Advisory Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 7:30a.m. in the Community Development Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daryl Hill Steve Murray

Willa Martin Bailey Teresa Burns
Pearl Bransford Lisa McIntyre
Dana Ausbrooks Brant Bousquet
Daniel Woods Mort Stein

Paul Johnson Linda Crockett - Jackson

Greg Gamble Ron Crutcher

STAFF PRESENT: Vernon Gerth Kathleen Sauseda

Kelly Dannenfelser

The agenda read as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gerth: Called the meeting to order.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Gerth: First thing on the agenda is the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Gerth explains the duties of the Chair.

Mr. Crutcher nominates Lisa McIntyre as Chair.

Mr. Stein: Seconded the motion.

All were in favor of Lisa McIntyre as Chair.

Mr. Brant Bousquet nominated Steve Murray as Vice Chair.

Mr. Stein: Seconded the motion.

All were in favor of Steve Murray as Vice Chair.

3. ALLOCATION OF CDBG FUNDS

Ms. McIntyre: Discussion of allocation of 2011 CDBG Award.

Mr. Johnson: General discussion on the need for the 3 year/5 year consolidated plan and discussed where funds were allocated beginning with first year 2007 through 2011 and future allocation. Description of each area where funds are being used and areas for future funding.

General discussion of block grant rules and regulations.

Mr. Johnson: For starting purposes the consolidated plan for 2011/2012 is as follows in thousands: Rehab \$160, CBDO \$50, counseling \$11, Admin Fee \$55 for a total of \$276.

General discussion on educating the community on Fair Housing.

Mr. Murray: Recommends adding an objective as follows: To identify and fund homeless prevention programs with a goal to increase the condition and capacity or availability of homeless shelter.

General discussion.

Mr. Crutcher: Two things have come up lessen my concern about homeless, one states in this packet is the City of Franklin has not participated in the continuum of care until quite recently, and 2 is the money we got outside of the block grant that was the emergency shelter grant which was a state program we received, and I thought the money from those programs were being used for emergency shelter grants.

General discussion of how program money is being used throughout Williamson County.

Ms. McIntyre: Recommendation that people who are not receiving money through these programs, get together as a subcommittee and decide and then present to this commission for us to approve based on their recommendation.

Mr. Gerth: March 10 is a public hearing. We need a recommendation from you today how to allocate this money. Then, on March 22, we take your recommendation and the information from the Public Hearing to The Board of Mayor and Aldermen. We are going to ask them to approve it in April when we submit it. That's the reality of keeping this program going.

Mr. Murray: Makes a motion that the funding read as follows: rehab \$160, CBDO \$0, counseling \$16, Homeless Programs \$45, Admin fees \$55.

General discussion.

Ms. McIntyre: There is a motion on the table, is there a second?

Motion seconded by Mort Stein.

Ms. McIntyre: Is there discussion?

Mr. Crutcher: Yes, the discussion objective is in the present draft does speak to emergency, the needs etc. I would question the amount of money putting towards homeless because I don't see within the next year we can identify and spend \$45,000 for housing.

Ms. Jackson: There is need for this funding. Temperature is not regulated because of faulty windows in one of the 2 shelters and there is an estimate to replace 63 windows for \$140,000 alone.

Mr. Crutcher: Question answered.

Mr. Hill: I think counseling need to be a part of that. People come to us who are going to be homeless all the time. We don't have a place to tell them to go. We do use Steve, we do get some funding, but my objective is just for getting shelter, I object to this.

Mr. Murray: I have changed it to Homeless programs.

Mr. Hill: We have an issue here with Fair Housing. \$15/\$16 thousand is not enough. We have a shoestring budget to try to educate the entire city. It's on record, we have an issue.

Mr. Johnson: Vote would be on allocating the money this way: rehab \$160, CBDO \$0, Counseling \$16, Homeless Programs \$45, and admin fee \$55.

Vote to call the question.

All agreed to call the question.

Motion of Funding as previously stated above.

Motion passes with a vote of 7 to 5.

Ms. McIntyre: There is a list of things needing prioritizing and I will put a deadline on it by March 10. Please number from 1 to 16 what is the most important to you to the least important. This will help us get focused on the top 3 so we can get started working on them.

Next meeting date is April 14 at 7:30am because of the Fair Housing Conference meeting on April 7, 2011.

Ms. McIntyre: Goes over the list in general.

ADJOURN

Lisa McIntyre moved to adjourn at 8:52 a.m.