

Albany Community Development Agency

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John Reilly, Esq. (*Cooperation Counsel*)
Tara Wells (*Administrative Services Acting Commissioner*)

Michael Yevoli, *Chief Executive Officer*

ACDA MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING Monday, July 29, 2013

Attending: Carolyn McLaughlin, Kathy Sheehan, Faye Andrews, Phil Calderon and Tara Wells

Absent: Nala Woodard and John Reilly

Also Present: Michael Yevoli, Luis Perez, Sarah Reginelli, Katie Bronson, Kate Newcombe, Amy Gardner, Dominic Calsolaro and Tandra Lagrone

The regular meeting of the ACDA was brought to order at 4:05PM.

Roll Call

All Board members were present.

Reading of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 30, 2013

Since the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to the Board members in advance for review, a proposal was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 30, 2013

A proposal was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting as presented. A motion to accept the minutes, as presented, was made by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by Tara Wells. A vote being taken, the minutes were accepted unanimously.

New Business

Blight to Betterment CDBG application

The proposed funding sources for the program were discussed. The Agency is being asked to grant \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to Capitalize Albany Corporation to assist with the funding of its Blight to Betterment Program. The granting of the money would be in line with the Agency's mission. The guidelines outlined in the memo distributed to the Board prior to the meeting were discussed. The Board advised staff that they would like buildings that will have a transformative

effect on neighborhoods to take higher priority in the selection process. The Board requested that staff provide quarterly reports on the project.

A motion to adopt the Resolution to provide CDBG funds to the Blight to Betterment Program was made by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by Tara Wells. A vote being taken, the Resolution passed unanimously.

In Our Own Voices (IOOV) CDBG application

Tandra Lagrone of IOOV reviewed their application with the Board. In Our Own Voices, Inc. (IOOV) is requesting \$31,279 in year 39 CDBG funds to support of its Project Sano! Program. Project Sano! will allow IOOV to provide a wide range of services to underserved communities. The target population for this program will be ages 18-85, with a focus on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People of Color (LGBT POC). While the applicant is interested in purchasing the building they currently lease from Capitalize Albany Corporation they assured the Board the majority of the CDBG funding they are asking for would go back into programming. The benefit of the program to the community was discussed. Kathy Sheehan advised the Applicant that the Board prefers to provide funding to organizations that are willing to work within the Albany Promise network. Tandra Lagrone advised the Board that her organization would be happy to work within the Albany Promise network.

A motion to adopt the Resolution to provide CDBG funds to In Our Own Voices (IOOV) was made by Carolyn McLaughlin and seconded by Tara Wells. A vote being taken, the Resolution passed unanimously.

Lease Approval for Habitat for Humanity

Staff reviewed the lease they would like the Agency to enter into with Habitat for Humanity for space at 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard. Staff explained that they have proposed a two month lease to provide more flexibility to the proposed tenant. Habitat will move into the store front that will be included in the Sheridan Hollow Village project when it is complete.

A motion to adopt the Resolution and enter into a lease with Habitat for Humanity was made by Kathy Sheehan and seconded by Carolyn McLaughlin. A vote being taken, the Resolution passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Update/discussion on South Pearl Street Facades

Staff discussed the challenges facing the project with the Board. Staff advised the Board they were having difficulty obtaining responses from some of the property owners after several attempts to contact them. The Board advised staff to send a final letter stating that they have made several attempts to contact them and will be moving forward with the work. The use of CDBG funds for this project was discussed.

Other Business

None

Communications

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Andrews, Secretary