

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CDAB)
CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

**THURSDAY
October 14, 2021**
Audio-recorded

6:00 P.M.
Online - Zoom Meeting
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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Alycia Hawkins

Members Present: Alycia Hawkins (Chair), Aran Clauson, Brien Thane, Elizabeth Jennings, Rachel Jewell, Suneeta Eisenberg, Yin-Ho Lai and Hollie Huthman (City Council)*

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Staff (PCDD): Samya Lutz, Housing & Services Program Manager; Kate Bartholomew, Development Specialist, Katy Sullivan, Development Specialist; Heather Aven, Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Christopher Pasquale, Jennifer Miles, Kaylee Galloway

Guests: Ashley Buerger (Road2Home), Theresa Hohman and Josh Castle (LIHI)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from September 9, 2021 were approved by general consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Presentation – Gardenview Tiny House Village

Josh Castle and Theresa Hohman of the Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI), and Ashley Buerger of Road2Home together gave a presentation on the Gardenview Tiny House Village project. They are opening in the coming weeks with 30 available tiny houses, and the potential to add 6 more. Occupancy will be staggered so that residents and staff have the chance to settle in, taking a few referrals at a time until all units are filled. They are forming a Community Advisory Committee – please contact Josh (Community Engagement Director at LIHI) via josh.castle@lihi.org or 206-334-0508 if you are interested in participating or know others who may be. Meetings will be monthly for about 1.5 hours each.

Progress Summary - Housing Projects

Samya walked through the handout (shared prior to meeting) and shared a map with a summary of the various housing projects under development or planning. In future, the Board agreed that simply circulating the handout with a map prior to the meeting will suffice but appreciated the walk-through and would like to do that periodically.

NOFA Update

Staff is preparing to update the Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) (x4) for Housing Production, Housing Preservation and Shelter, Homeownership Development, and Community Facilities. The Services NOFAs will not be released this year, as they are on an every-other-year basis.

Action Plan – Update on HOME ARP Funds

Katy Sullivan provided an update to the group on the HOME-ARP funding, with rules just recently having been published. About \$2M will be available to be utilized for development and services targeted to qualified populations (primarily homeless-on-entry, but other populations are also eligible). The rules for the HOME-ARP program are different from the traditional HOME program and will require an Action Plan amendment to be utilized. The City must undergo an assessment of how best to use these funds, and submit that to HUD for approval prior to funds being released for City use.

*Council Member Huthman joined the meeting at 6:50pm

Consolidation Plan – CDAB Review of Public Participation Process

Kate Bartholomew discussed the upcoming Assessment of Fair Housing and Consolidated Planning process. The Community Participation Plan (<https://cob.org/wp-content/uploads/consolidated-plan-ppp.pdf>) is the foundation of these planning processes and needs to be updated. The Board provided thoughts and feedback to staff on the current Participation Plan; Kate will bring a revised draft forward for discussion at the November meeting.

City Staff Updates

None

What's the Buzz

Members expressed concern about the upcoming end to the eviction moratorium, and information was shared about resources available.

Future Agenda Items

- A staff presentation from BHA about how the voucher system works (Section 8 and local forms of rent assistance)
- Presentation on role of non-profit vs role of government entity and ways they overlap and how they differ.
- Balance homeownership and the gap in funding.
- Additional discussion on ways to measure equity.

Adjourned

Minutes prepared by:

Heather Aven, Recording Secretary

Minutes edited by Housing & Services Program Manager