

Urban County Policy Board Meeting Minutes

1300 Franklin Street, Room 679

Vancouver, Washington

February 10, 2020

URBAN COUNTY POLICY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Councilor Philip Johnson | City of Battle Ground |
| Jim Hodges | City of Camas |
| Jeff Swanson | City of La Center |
| Councilor Ron Onslow, Vice Chair | City of Ridgefield |
| David Scott | City of Washougal |
| Tracy Coleman | City of Woodland |
| Councilor Malita Moseley | Town of Yacolt |

GUESTS

Sam Crummett (City of Battle Ground); Allen Westersund (City of Camas); Fred Dockweiler (Chanmi Development); Scott Conger, Dennis Morrow (Janus Youth); Bri Dalton, Jeri Mortimore. Tom Breitenbauch (Lifeline Connections); Amy Reynolds, Tharie McDaid-O'Neill (Share); Tim Foley (Second Step Housing); Gale Castillo, Nicolas Valdes, Gimena Olgin (Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber); Victor Caesar, Jeff Lane (Vancouver Housing Authority); Leigh McIlvaine, Lynn Renken (Mercy Corps NW); Obinna Amobi (Mercy Housing NW, by phone)

STAFF

Michael Torres, Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce, Janet Snook

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Onslow called the meeting to order.

I. Introductions

II. January 13, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion made by Jeff Swanson and seconded by David Scott.

III. Application Scoring

Instructions for registering in *Neighborly* and reviewing applications for scoring were presented. All points are awarded by the Board this year.

IV. Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvement Presentations

City of Washougal Social Service Building Repairs (recording stop: 5:26)

Request: \$227,000

Presenter: David Scott

The city-owned social services center offers services to east county low-income households. The building is deteriorating and needs repairs to flooring, siding, windows, brickwork, fascia, and other areas to avoid life and safety issues.

Vancouver Housing Authority Orchards Inn Outdoor Amenities (recording stop: 14:19)

Request: \$244,332

Presenter: Jeff Lane

Orchards Inn is working through a multi-phase project to improve accessibility and living conditions. This request is to improve exterior ADA accessibility and exterior features for residents.

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V. Affordable Housing and Homelessness Presentations

Vancouver Housing Authority Central Park Place Rehabilitation (recording stop: 21:13)

Request: \$200,000, Vancouver joint \$200,000

Presenter: Jeff Lane

Central Park Place houses veterans, people with disabilities and people experiencing chronic homelessness. The building exterior and building systems need replacing, accessibility and parking need to be increased, eight units are to be converted to accessible units, and existing balconies are to be converted into six additional units. This project is on the short list to receive Low-income Housing Tax Credits.

Second Step Housing Market-rate Unit Acquisition (recording stop: 35:34)

Request: \$300,000, Vancouver joint \$100,000

Presenter: Tim Foley

Second Step currently houses more than 200 people experiencing homelessness in 35 transitional and 70 permanent scattered-site units. It seeks to acquire more housing and convert them to permanently affordable units.

Mercy Housing NW Mercy PeaceHealth Housing (recording stop: 44:41)

Request: \$250,000, Vancouver joint \$250,000

Presenter: Fred Dockweiler (consultant) and Obinna Amobi

In partnership with PeaceHealth, who is donating the land and funding, Mercy plans to build 70 units of housing in 6 three-story buildings east of the PeaceHealth campus. Buildings will include a mix of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units with 20% of units being ADA accessible. Property will include open space, ample parking, a community room, and a full-time residential services coordinator. Location is close to services.

The following three applications are for tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) with case management.

Janus Youth Nest TBRA (recording stop: 58:30)

Request: \$120,000

Presenters: Scott Conger, Dennis Morrow

Focus on youth ages 18-24 who are hard-to-reach, high risk, and homeless. Plans to serve 20 households.

Lifeline Connections Recovery TBRA (recording stop: 1:07:40)

Request: \$87,500

Presenter: Jeri Mortimore, Tom Breitenbauch, Bri Dalton

Focus on individuals diagnosed with behavioral health substance use disorder and/or mental health conditions, to encourage recovery. Plans to serve 15 households.

Share ASPIRE TBRA (recording stop: 1:14:37)

Request: \$300,000

Presenters: Amy Reynolds, Tharie McDaid-O'Neill

Housing to self-sufficiency using a strengths-based model. Includes trauma-informed care and offers Rent Well education for clients. Plans to serve 31 households.

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VI. Asset and Economic Development Presentations

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Latinx Business Technical Assistance Program

(recording stop: 1:22:32)

Request: \$73,200

Presenter: Gale Castillo

One-on-one personalized technical assistance helps clients start, grow, adopt, and succeed with a small business.

Mercy Corps NW Small Business Assistance (recording stop: 1:30:30)

Request: \$50,000

Presenter: Lynn Renken, Leigh McIlvaine

Community outreach and engagement with low-income and underserved entrepreneurs to expand microenterprise development leveraged with private sector investment and expertise.

Proud Ground Affordable Homeownership (recording stop: 1:40:38)

Request: \$300,000

Presenter: Samantha Whitley

Acquiring homes using a land trust model in which Proud Ground remains the owner of the land and eligible homeowners are able to obtain an affordable mortgage. The home remains permanently affordable for future purchasers.

VII. Evergreen Habitat for Humanity

Desk monitoring revealed two additional homes for which EHFH needs to reimburse Clark County. This includes one being rehabilitated by EHFH and one that was sold on the open market. Discussion is continuing on how to prevent this from recurring.

VIII. Other

- Anticipated funding available is:
 - Infrastructure: \$550,000
 - Public Facilities \$300,000
 - Asset and Economic \$350,000
 - Housing \$800,000 of which up to \$350,000 is allocated for TBRA
- Whether funding can be prorated among all applications was discussed. The increase in administrative costs makes this option less desirable. More discussion to come and will need to be included in the request for application.
- The bus tour to view CDBG infrastructure projects is 8am, February 11, 2020, beginning at the Battle Ground Community Center.
- Scoring is due Monday, March 2.
- The next meeting is March 9, 2020, 8:30 a.m., in the Public Service Center room 679.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.