

Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC) Meeting
March 3, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members: Ellen Eiseman, Carlton Newton, Greg Bramham, Jose Quinonez, Lincoln Cummings, Maryclare Whitehead, Mike Tully, Nicole Merlene, Risha Bailey, Rolf Blank, Steven Gallagher, Walter Sargent, Tim Denning

Staff: Caitlin Jones, Jennifer L. Daniels, Rolda Nedd, Joel Franklin

1. Approval of February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action)

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2. FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Review (Action)

Joel Franklin and Caitlin Jones provided overview of the draft FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and draft FY 2022 Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and provides the strategic framework for housing, homelessness, community development, and economic development activities supported by HUD funds over the next 5-year period. The FY 2022-2026 5-year Consolidated Plan captures data on demographics and identifies long-term objectives on the use of federal and local funds. In coordination with the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan for FY 2022 describes how federal grant funds will be used.

One CDCAC member asked about the major changes between the previous Consolidated Plan and the proposed plan. Staff responded that many of the priorities and goals from the previous iteration of the Consolidated Plan remain, but staff has highlighted two new priority areas including digital equity and food insecurity.

One CDCAC member asked what the policy for distributing CAFs through the county. Staff responded that the County's Affordable Housing Master Plan acknowledges geographic distribution of affordable units as a County Goal. The Multifamily Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) incentivizes development of affordable housing in certain areas throughout the County, conforming to this policy goal.

One CDCAC member recommend additional funding for MIPAP in future years so that it can be fully funded. Staff responded that much of the challenge with the MIPAP program is not as much a funding issue, but rather an issue of supply and the housing market in general.

In following up on the conversation from a previous CDCAC meeting, one member asked if the new Citizen Participation Plan reduces the number of CDCAC members. Staff responded that the new plan drops the composition of CDCAC from 19 to 15 members and that this would be achieved through attrition.

The FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, including the Citizen Participation Plan and FY 2022 Action was approved unanimously by CDCAC.

3. FY 2022 Community Development Fund Budget Recommendations

The FY 2022 budget recommended funding for thirty-three (33) grant programs through a combination of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and AHIF Housing Services funding. These grants support a variety of programs ranging from housing

development and rehabilitation, homeownership, housing services, economic development, job training and skills development, and neighborhood-based and countywide public service programs. In addition, as part of the FY 2022 Housing and Community Development Fund budget, federal HOME and a portion of CDBG funds are allocated to multifamily housing programs, leveraging local funds through AHIF for the creation of affordable housing. Staff presented these recommendations and answered questions from CDCAC members.

4. 2021 Community Development Fund Tour

Staff reported that they have secured participation from the following organizations for the virtual Community Development Tour for 2021:

- Bridges to Independence (B2i)
- Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)
- La Cocina VA
- Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC)
- Northern Virginia Dental Clinic (NVDC)
- Aspire! Learning Rocks.

5. Chair Report:

Nothing to report.

6. Member Report:

Nothing to Report

7. Staff Report:

Nothing to Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.