

MINUTES

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, March 13, 2012 -- 5:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Genevieve Keller (Chairperson)

Mr. Dan Rosensweig

Ms. Lisa Green

Ms. Natasha Sienitsky

Mr. John Santoski

Mr. Kurt Keesecker

Mr. David Neuman, Ex-officio, UVA Office of the Architect

Not Present:

Mr. Michael Osteen

Staff Present:

Ms. Missy Creasy, AICP, Planning Manager

Also Present

Mr. Richard Harris, Deputy City Attorney

II. REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Keller convened the meeting.

A. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- Ms. Sienitsky noted that she will give her report during the CDBG public hearing.
- Ms. Green –There will be a Bike Safety meeting this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and the agenda will include discussion on allocation of funds.
- Mr. Rosensweig –Housing Advisory Committee did not meet last month but they will meet next Wednesday March 21, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the NDS Conference room. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been very active. One item is the master planning process for the east side of McIntire Park. A community meeting was held February 28 at the Martin Luther King performing Arts Center where three land concepts were revealed. A public hearing will be held March 26th at the Buford Middle School Auditorium and a month after that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will discuss the input gathered at the hearing and decide what to present to the Planning Commission.
- Mr. Keesecker –Nothing to report
- Mr. Santoski-Nothing to report

B. UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mr. Neuman – announced that the American Council on Renewable Energy will have a seminar on Sustainable Ways for Community Prosperity. It will be held at the University Of Virginia Darden School Of Business March 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

C. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Keller also attended the Master Planning Council meeting two weeks ago and felt it was very informative. The major presentation was on a bike share proposal that is being presented to VDOT. She wishes them great success and hope that the City of Charlottesville will be a part of this in the future. Ms. Keller made a formal apology to Latitude 38 and the team behind the Lankford home for the misrepresentation during the award for “Outstanding Sustainable Development”.

D. DEPARTMENT OF NDS/STAFF REPORTS/WORK PLAN

Ms. Creasy gave an overview of upcoming meetings. March 27, 2012 there will be a joint meeting between City Council and the Planning Commission on Land Use projects. There will be another Community meeting March 29, 2012 from 4-7 pm at the Water Street Center and the topic will be Historic Preservation. There will also be a joint work session with the county planning commission April 17, 2012 and the county will be the host.

E. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE FORMAL AGENDA.

There were none.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items removed from the consent agenda will be considered at the end of the regular agenda)

1. Minutes - February 14, 2012 – Regular meeting
2. Minutes - February 14, 2012 – Pre meeting
3. Minutes – January 24, 2012 – Work Session
4. Site Plan – 850 Estes Street

The Consent Agenda was approved with the deferral of the January 24, 2012 Work Session minutes to be voted on at a later date.

III. JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS

G. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funding—5th Year Action Plan, 12-13:** The Planning Commission and City Council are considering the 5th year Action Plan of the multi-year Consolidated Plan which sets forth projects to be undertaken utilizing CDBG & HOME funds for the City of Charlottesville. In fiscal year 12-13 it is expected that the City of Charlottesville will receive \$425,318 for Housing and Community Development needs and \$76,831 in HOME funds for affordable housing from HUD. CDBG funds will be used in the City to conduct housing rehabilitation, assist low and moderate income homebuyers, and pedestrian improvements to the Fifeville Neighborhood, as well as to fund several programs that benefit low and moderate income citizens and the homeless population. HOME funds will be used to support Tenant Based Rental Assistance through Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. **Report prepared by Melissa Thackston, Grants Coordinator.**

Ms. Green and Mr. Rosensweig recused themselves.

Ms. Creasy presented the staff report due to Ms. Thackston's absence.

Ms. Sienitsky, the Planning Commission representative on the CDBG Task Force, added that there has been a 40% decrease in funds since last year. Would like let the community know that this is not an sustainable funding source. In the past they have been able to spread funds to a number of different projects and now they are unable to do this.

Questions from Council members

- Would like to see a more detail list of amounts requested and amounts funded in next year's report.

Public Hearing opened

No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed

Questions or Comments from the Commission

- The amount of money allocated to the SRO voucher program, is that a fixed amount?

Ms. Creasy stated that it only reflects allocations for this year.

Ms. Sienitsky moved to recommend approval of the CDBG and HOME funding allocation as noted in the staff report.

Mr. Santoski seconded the motion.

Ms. Creasy called the question

Sienitsky Yes

Santoski Yes

Keesecker Yes

Keller Yes

Motion Carries.

Ms. Sienitsky made a motion for Adjournment at 6:40 pm until the second Tuesday of April.