

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CDAAC)
July 11, 2019
Minutes

**Community Room, City Hall
241 West South Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

Members Present: Margaret Wilson, Candice Howell, Tami Rey, Annie Sprague, Bill Wells, Amina Shakir, Jenette Tarver (Late)

Members Absent: Annie Sprague

Guest:

City Staff: Jennifer Gutierrez; Community Investment Secretary; Dorla Bonner; Community Investment Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Gutierrez conducted roll call of CDAAC members and determined quorum existed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Howell, Supported by Mr. Wells, moved to accept the July 11, 2019 agenda. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **June 13, 2019**

Mr. Wells, Supported by Ms. Wilson, motioned to approve the June 13 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bonner discussed the By – Laws with the committee, she mentioned that she sent an email to the neighborhood association directors asking for their input and what they prefer to do with the By – Laws. She stated that they do not have to wait for the directors’ input and/or comments to start reviewing the By – Laws but wanted them to be aware that they are in the process of

making changes to the By - Laws. The committee began to review a portion of the By – Laws. Ms. Bonner stated that in the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan, it states that priorities are given to the core neighborhood. The committee would need to figure out how to identify specifically the core neighborhoods or leave it generic. Ms. Bonner mentioned that eighty percent of the city are CDBG eligible, which is why they would need to specify which neighborhoods will be known as a core neighborhood.

The committee agreed they would need to discuss and review more about the phrasing between the master plan and the by – laws.

Ms. Howell mentioned that the first paragraph under membership is concerning to her. She believes that the phrasing would open it up to everybody, she believes the phrasing should be revised to members specific to CDAAC and the core neighborhoods.

The committee continued discussion of the revisions and phrasing that needs/should be made in the By – Laws to reflect the CDAAC’s focus and mission and the Consolidated/Action plan.

Ms. Wilson mentioned that there is supposed to be thirteen members and that they need to clarify how many members need to be on the committee as well as how to rectify it.

The committee began discussing and clarifying a CDAAC members term and policy.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS' REPORTS/STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Bonner discussed the landlord resource fair event that occurred recently at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. She mentioned that they the landlords that attended received a gift card and how great of an event it was with how many people attended. Ms. Bonner also mentioned that the landlords indicated that they would like to meet on a regular basis. There was discussion amongst the committee about finding ways to networking with landlords.

Ms. Bonner mentioned that there were meetings with banks and realtor agencies to bring a program to Kalamazoo to homeownership. Ms. Bonner also mentioned about a play in Grand Rapids that focused on Red Lining, that there’s also discussion about bringing the same idea to Kalamazoo.

Ms. Bonner discussed about the data on homeownership and minorities, and the difficulties for minorities to be homeowners. Ms. Bonner mentioned about possibly making the funding contingent for equity training.

Ms. Bonner discussed about the Creamery also being another source now for affordable housing for the community and low – income residence.

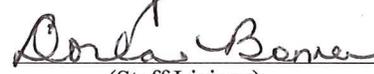
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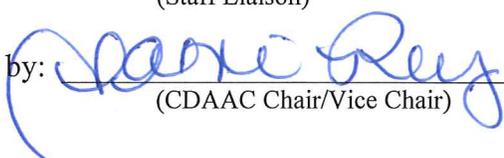
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wells, supported by Ms. Tarver, moved to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7: 33 pm.

Submitted by:  Dated: 9.17.19
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by:  Dated: 9/17/19
(Staff Liaison)

Approved by:  Dated: 9/12/19
(CDAAC Chair/Vice Chair)