

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CDAAC)  
August 8, 2019  
*Minutes*

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

Members Present: Tami Rey, Annie Sprague, Bill Wells,

Members Absent: Jenette Tarver, Margaret Wilson, Amina Shakir, Candice Howell

Guest:

City Staff: Jennifer Gutierrez; Community Investment Secretary; Dorla Bonner;  
Community Investment Manager; Venessa Collins-Smith, Community  
Development Coordinator; Chris Raschke, Compliance Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Rey called the meeting to order at approximately 6:44 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Gutierrez conducted roll call of CDAAC members and determined quorum did not exist.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Due to no quorum the Agenda for August 8, 2019 could not be officially approved.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **July 11, 2019**

**Due to no quorum, the Minutes for July 11, 2019 could not be officially approved.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERS' REPORTS/STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Bonner and Ms. Collins updated the committee on the Consolidated and Action Plan, explaining changes made.

Ms. Collins – Smith introduced Mr. Raschke to the committee who is the new Compliance Specialist.

Ms. Collins – Smith discussed the budget for the Consolidated/Action Plan 2019. She informed the Committee she added funding to Neighborhood Enhancement and the HOME Program. They had funding from prior years that they were able to utilize for the current year. Ms. Bonner informed the group that they changed the funding to where they would not have to amend when it comes to affordable housing.

Ms. Bonner indicated that she is working with Ms. Rebekah Kik to attend a CDAAC meeting to discuss the incremental development alliance program. She explained that the program is a process that the city is going through with developers to make it easier to get new developers going in the same direction, when building houses.

Ms. Bonner informed the committee that they do not have an official plan currently, but they will be bringing ideas to discuss further.

Ms. Bonner informed the committee that she received a letter from HUD stating the City had another 30-day Public Comment Period. In order for them to make sure they follow regulations they had decided to open another Public Comment Period.

The committee discussed other possible issues and complications to look into in regards to the developer's idea such as code and zoning variances.

Ms. Bonner informed the committee that Venessa, has been promoted to Community Developer Coordinator. Ms. Collins – Smith will now be managing Ms. Gutierrez, Mr. Raschke and interns.

Ms. Bonner updated the committee on minor details of the Lead Paint Program.

Ms. Bonner informed the committee on how the city ranks and utilizes funding for available programs, the city of Kalamazoo has ranked number one on some of the category areas.

Ms. Bonner discussed conducting a play that centers on Redlining to the city of Kalamazoo for homeownership. The focus is to make it a training event for the community, realtors and banks. The Committee discussed their thoughts on the idea of conducting the event and play.

Ms. Schira mentioned the fair housing report on investigations of housing discrimination in Kalamazoo. She mentioned that this information might be useful to share with banks.

The committee began to discuss the bankers different requirements and their experience with working with banker for homeownership.

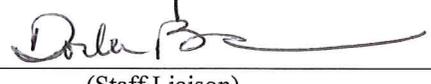
**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

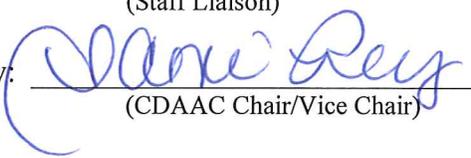
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Rey adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.**

Submitted by:  Dated: 10/11/19  
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by:  Dated: 10/11/19  
(Staff Liaison)

Approved by:  Dated: 10/10/19  
(CDAAC Chair/Vice Chair)