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MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)
City of Brooklyn Park September 8, 2022, CLIC Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Chair Brenda Reeves called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m

Roll Call: Brenda Reeves, Chair, Etta Gbeizon-Bornor Vice Chair, Nicholas Campbell, Patrick Chitterster, Mary Hoogheem, Shelley Marbut, Edna McKenzie, Amy Meuers, Umebe Onyejekwe, Tekoa Cochran, Beauty Ojo Beauty Ojo

City Staff and Council Present: Councilmember Pha, staff member Mitch

Absent: Gardoe Cephas, Cindy Johnson, Benjamin Swanson

Roll Call established a quorum did exist.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

2.1 MOTION Marbut MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA, SECOND Campbell, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CONSENT**

3.1 MOTION Chittester, SECOND Onyejekwe to APPROVE August 11, 2022, MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING the August 11, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

4. **GENERAL STANDING ITEMS**

4.1 Housing Discussion

Chairperson Reeves provided update on meeting with HRC and that Huntington Place has made great progress. Question was asked about CLIC replicating the work with Creekside Gables with support of HRC.

Discussion about CLIC workplan and dedicated planning time. Question was asked about the connection to the Housing Continuum work and how this work would support that of the Human Rights Commission.

Discussion about the management company and what it means to “do” Creekside Gables.

Consensus is to learn more about Huntington and what our scope and decision-making process is to engage in new work.

Discussion about the goals of the city and how CLIC can support those goals through recommendations to Council.

Councilmember Pha provided update on the Huntington task force. Would invite one additional CLIC liaison to the task force in addition to Commissioner Cochran. They do have to check in to make final decision about adding additional task force members. Councilmember will inform Chairperson Reeves about the determination. The task force is still in discussion phase. There have been significant improvements at Huntington. Aon, the property management company understands they need to step up and get things done. Councilmember Pha provided an overview of the improvements. Improvements have been seen in security and crime.

Commissioner Cochran shared an update from her experience as a resident. There is some progress but there is a long way to go. Conversations have taken place with the Brooklyn Park youth program and Aon about the locking and unlocking of the gate for access to the community center. The issues at these properties are city-wide. Her suggestion is to survey all the apartments.

Question was asked if CLIC can draft recommendation to Council to expand the work at Hunting Place city-wide.

Councilmember Pha encouraged the creation of a recommendation to Council that then holds the Council and the City accountable.

Discussion continued about the collection of data from the property management companies. HRC has requested data and has only received verbal reports. They are receiving monthly door knock reports but it does not capture the full picture of the work orders. The door knocks are from the city not from Aon.

Question was asked about the process for renters to file complaints with the city.

Councilmember Pha shared that the literature handed out by the city shares the process for contacting Aon and then who to call at the city after two weeks.

Recommendation is to invite someone from City staff to come and share the process and their data. Then CLIC can review the process, what is working at Huntington Place, and make a recommendation to the Council.

Staff liaison will invite the correct staff to the next meeting.

5. **STANDING ITEMS**

5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park

- Review of updates from the packet provide by Staff Liasson.
- Question was asked about partnership with AARP? Councilmember Pha shared that the focus was originally on our seniors and now the focus can grow beyond as many of the initiatives have been launched or completed.
- Sub Committee of CLIC reported at April 2021 with recommendations for senior engagement/inclusion.

- Review of the recommendations from the report will be provided for review for next meeting.
- Recommendation was made to revisit the workplan. Councilmember Pha shared that CLIC can revise the workplan which may require approval by Council. Any changes must align with the mission of the Commission.
- Request to review the workplan by Commission members. Staff Liasson will share workplan and link to prior minutes.
- Councilmember Pha shared the duties of the Commission is to execute its workplan, provide updates to Council, and create a new workplan for the next year.
- Chairperson Reeves asked each Commissioner to review the workplan and determine where each person would like to focus their efforts.

5.2 Communications/Community Engagement

- No Update

5.3 Housing Continuum

- No update

5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- Current completion date on Regent road work is October 15, 2022. South of Brookdale has been paid but the other side has more work to be done.

5.5 Future Planning

- No Update

6. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 City Council Report:

- We do have a new Police Chief now.

6.2 Staff Liaison Update:

- Jesse Struve should be back for next meeting.
- Review of materials provided in Commissioner's packet.

6.3 Open Discussion

- Question was raised about stray cats? Councilmember Pha shared that someone reported several stray cats are being fed in a neighborhood. The initial thought is that there were 50 cats, there are over 200. The Human Society, Brooklyn Park police, and other agencies are involved to address the issue. Residents have been asked to not feed the cats.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjournment MOTION Onyejekwe SECOND Cochran. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjourned 7:45 p.m.