UNAPPROVED
MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Date, June 22, 2021
Held virtually via Zoom

Call to Order: Anne Heinze Silvis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Breaden Belcher, Community Development Specialist, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Anne Heinze Silvis, Chris Diana, Rev. Robert Freeman, and Patricia Jones

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Abdulhakeem Salaam

Others Present: Sheila Dodd, Grants Management Division Manager; Breaden Belcher, Community Development Specialist

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Diana moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Meeting, and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones abstained. The motion to approve the minutes carried.

Petitions and Communications: No petitions or communications were presented

Audience Participation: Chair Person Heinze-Silvis stated that audience members could speak if they so wished or after a particular item is presented, no one from the audience stepped forward to speak

Staff Report: Mr. Belcher reported on the ongoing activities in the Grants Management Division. Staff completed HUD monitoring of the HOME TBRA program and will be preparing for monitoring of the CDBG-CV program in July. Mr. Belcher also discussed the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program that is being developed jointly by the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless and the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The Housing Authority received 113 vouchers through the American Rescue Plan Act. The intent is to launch the program sometime in the summer.

The City will be returning to in person meetings beginning in July. The CD Commission bi-laws allow for virtual attendance, so if any Commissioner has health concerns they can still join remotely. Commissioners will not be required to show their vaccination card upon entering the City Building.

Mr. Belcher shared an update on the City's comprehensive planning process called Imagine Urbana. The City is pursuing outreach opportunities to gain feedback from members of the community on what should be included in the plan. Mr. Belcher and Ms. Dodd encouraged Commissioners to share the Imagine Urbana flier with their networks. Commissioner Silvis asked if there was an official role for the Community Development Commission in this process. Mr. Belcher said there was not at this time, but would provide any updates in the future.

Old Business: No old business was presented

New Business: No new business was presented

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Ms. Heinze Silvis adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Recorded by

Breaden J. Belcher
Community Development Specialist