

# GREELEY URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY Proceedings

May 27, 2020 3:30

#### This meeting was conducted remotely

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Cummins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Commissioners Costigan, Duran, Haas, Leffler, and Utrata were present. (Commissioner Welsh was not present.)

### II. Approval of minutes for the meeting held on April 29, 2020

Commissioner Leffler made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 29, 2020 as written. Commissioner Costigan seconded the motion; the motion carried 6-0.

#### III. Items of Business

Public Hearing for CARES Act Substantial Amendment, which includes Amendment One to the Citizen Participation Plan and two applications (Commissioner Welsh enters the meeting.)

By letter dated April 2, 2020, Mayor John Gates was notified that the City of Greeley would receive \$493,277 in CARES Act funding through Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. The grant is specifically for the preparation for, prevention of, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carol Larsen, Grant Specialist, summarized the Substantial Amendment noting that it adds three priorities to utilize the CDBG-CV funds, adds the CDBG-CV funds as a resource available in 2020, identifies the activities proposed and associated budgets, and adds goals associated with those activities. Two activities (Personal Isolation Facility at 622 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Move to 501 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Extension of Cold Weather Shelter) are underway; the latter activity is complete and staff is working through costs and agreements. Applications will be submitted as we do normally with CDBG funds. Approval of the Substantial Amendment includes approval of those two applications.

Chair Cummins opened the public hearing at 3:44 p.m. and called for public comment. Enita Kearns-Hout, Regional Director, Catholic Charities commented that with the need for social distances (COVID-19) it has lessened the capacity at the shelter. She expressed concern for possible increased homeless population due to people losing jobs and unable to pay rent. She supported, particularly, the proposed emergency rental assistance, noting providing assistance with rent and keeping people housed would be preferable to risking that additional persons become homeless. There being no further comment, Chair Cummins closed the public hearing at 3:46 p.m.

Commissioner Costigan made a motion to recommend to the Greeley City Council approval of the CARES Act Funds Substantial Amendment, including Amendment 1 to the Citizen Participation Plan and the applications from the Fire Department-Office of Emergency Management (Personal Isolation Facility) and United Way (move of and extension to time for the Cold Weather Shelter). Approval includes the ability to move grant funds between activities/priorities, up to a maximum of 10% of the grant award, without further Amendment to the Consolidated or Annual Action Plans, as stated in the Citizen Participation Plan. Commissioner Welsh seconded the motion; the motion carried 7-0.

## IV. Board Member Comments/Reports

None

#### V. Staff Report

Ms. Larsen noted calendar dates for the Annual 2021 CDBG process.

Benjamin Snow, Director of Economic Health & Housing answered questions regarding the City of Greeley reopening after the COVID-19 shutdown.

#### VI. Adjournment

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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