

Minutes
September 18, 2024

Commissioner Present:

Kathryn Cobb-Holmes

Richard Wagner

Anthony Reynolds

Wanda Negron

Commissioner(s) Absent:

Valerie Phelps Robinson

Lisa Blount

Staff:

Kimberly Talbot

City Council Liaison:

Wesley Butler

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cobb-Holmes at 6:06 p.m. The minutes from June were reviewed. Commissioner Reynolds moved to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wagner. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report

The E.D. attended a meeting in the mayor's office with Joe Rudden of the Rudden Foundation.

La Mega, Spanish radio will begin airing our office information and a little bit about what we do once the ad period for the buses is complete. La Mega was provided with a script and it will be read at least three times a day.

We applied for a HOME -ARP grant (Home Investment partnership program -American rescue plan) requesting more rental assistance and to create and hire a housing locator position. The grant was submitted on July 25th. The total grant request was \$1,020,750.00.

In June, there were no housing inquiries and one intake. There were five (5) employment inquiries and four (4) intakes.

In July, there were four (4) housing inquiries and no intakes. There were two (2) employment inquiries and one (1) intake.

In August, there were four (4) housing inquiries and no intakes.

Old Business

Commissioner Negron reintroduced herself to the commission.

Commissioner Cobb-Homes requested that the training email be re-sent to all Commissioners.

The E.D. discussed the need to update the ordinance. All Commissioners will either receive an electronic copy or paper.

The E.D. will speak with the city clerk to find out if additional language is necessary to allow commission meetings via zoom.

New Business

The city has a new managing director. His name is Jack Gombach.

The E.D. brought up the attendance policy for Commission meetings. A discussion was held regarding the enforcement of the policy. Commissioners agree that it will apply moving forward.

Good & Welfare

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes informed us that a BCIU center in lower Alsace center has closed. The move displaced a lot of staff and children.

Training:

There is a free online training on October 30th from 12-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.