



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Community Development Board Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting of the Community Development Board

January 8, 2019

Board Members Present: Jim Corson, Rebecca Noell, Joe Stockburger, Bret Rutherford, Katrina Kruger

Board Members Excused: Laura Gittings-Carlson

Staff Present: Brenda Beckett, Dina Harmon, Christina Escamilla

Welcome / Introductions / Announcements: The Community Development (CD) Board met in the 6th Floor Conference Room, Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, Montana. Board member Jim Corson, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

Meeting Minutes: Board member Katrina Kruger moved to approve the November meeting minutes and Bret Rutherford seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously. Katrina Kruger moved to approve the December meeting minutes and Joe Stockburger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- **Foreclosure Acquisition / Housing Rehabilitation Program:** The Plainview Project is complete and ready for sale to an approved First Time Home Buyer applicant. The construction at 215 19th St. W. continues. Construction continues at several Housing Rehabilitation homes. Two projects are ready to be closed out. There are no new applications during December. Funding is available to assist two homeowners. There were no new applications for the Manufactured Home Repair Program. Funding is available to assist one to two homeowners.
- **Affordable Housing Development:** The Riverfront Pointe will be completed January 2019. Members of the board requested a tour once the project is complete.
- **First Time Home Buyer Program:** There are funds available for five more applicants. There are three pending closings.
- **Billings-Metro VISTA Project:** There are three new January 2019 members completing orientation the week of January 21st. It was announced that the regional branch of Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) office will be closing fall 2019. Brenda Beckett will be presenting the VISTA Application for approval at City Council on January 14, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Election of Officers: Board member Rebecca Noell was nominated as the Community Development Board Chairman. Noell accepted the nomination. Jim Corson moved to approve the nomination and Katrina Kruger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously. Board member Joe Stockburger was nominated as the Vice Chairman. Stockburger accepted the nomination. Bret Rutherford moved to approve the nomination and Katrina Kruger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

March Meeting: The March meeting will take place March 12, 2019 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room, Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

Neighborhood Concerns and Happenings:

- **Council Member Denise Joy:** Announced a legislative piece that is under review in the House of Representatives that had been introduced that would incentivize developers to create affordable housing.
- **Wyeth Friday:** Announced an upcoming visit with the Federal Reserve Bank. He requested that the Community Development Board chair and vice chair attend the meeting. The Federal Reserve Bank supports the Federal Reserve System through: supervision and regulation of nation's banking, gathering and analyzing economic data to determine the nation's monetary policy, and promote community development through fair access to credit and related financial services.

- **Brenda Beckett:** Announced a Pattern Guide completed by AmeriCorps Vista members Claire Yang and Jacob Cote. The Pattern Guide is designed to provide guidance to homeowners, home builders, and small business owners looking to invest in the First Neighborhoods of Billings. Claire authored a White Paper about the effect of homeownership on the North Park and South Side neighborhoods. The paper was in response to a City Council Member's question about the impacts of homeownership / rental rates in neighborhoods and cities.
- **Community Development Board Openings:** There are three positions open for service terms beginning in January and ending in December 2022. Billings' residents living in a lower-income neighborhood are encouraged to apply (see the attached map). The CD Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Billings City Council to review the [Division's operations](#) relative to federal funding for home buyer, home repair, housing development, and the AmeriCorps VISTA program. For more information about, check out the [City's Boards & Commissions website](#).

Next Meeting: Rebecca Noell adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2019.

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Neighborhood Task Force Areas & Low and Moderate Income 2010 Census Data

Low to Moderate Income Estimates have been prepared at the Census Bureau's Geographic Summary Level "090": State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract-Urban/Rural/Block Group for FY11.

Legend

Pct Low-Mod Income

- 51 - 60 %
- 61 - 70 %
- 71 - 95 %
- Task Force Area Boundary
- Yellowstone County
- Rims
- Railroad

