

Community Development Board
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009

Members Present: Jim Hartung, Sandy Weiss, Uriah Edmunds, Emily Shaffer, Kathy Walters

Members Absent: Duane Loken, David Goodridge, Kamber Parker

Staff Present: Candi Beaudry, Brenda Beckett, Lynda Woods, Dina Billington, Doris Cole

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Weiss. Weiss asked for any announcements. Beckett distributed an update from homeWORD on its Financial Fitness Program.

Public Comment Period: None.

Minutes: Minutes from December 2, 2008, were approved unanimously on a motion by Walters, seconded by Edmunds.

Election of Officers / CHRB Liaison Appointment:

Officers elected by unanimous vote:

Chair – Duane Loken

Vice Chair – Sandy Weiss

CHRB Liaison – Suspended until after a report by new director as to what CHRB wants from the board on a motion by Edmunds, seconded by Walters, which was passed unanimously. Beckett will contact Linda Henry, Executive Director, CHRB, regarding a brief presentation to the board.

Committees – A motion was made by Edmunds, seconded by Hartung, to suspend the Fair Housing subcommittee and the Low-Interest Loan subcommittee with the option to reinstate, if necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Tentative Schedule Review / Allocation Process Review: *An opportunity for the Board to review the tentative schedule and make changes. Staff is requesting additional questions for the allocation process be deleted.*

Beckett gave a brief overview of the process and the tentative schedule. She then discussed inquiries she received regarding projects. She discussed the public hearings

and the Con Plan, noting that next year will be the start of new Con Plan strategies and would like to receive input from the board.

Slide Show of Westchester Square progress: Beckett noted the slide show playing on the progress of Westchester Square.

Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP): After a brief background was given, Beckett presented a PowerPoint slide show and discussed the State's NSP. She noted that the State of Montana will be administering the plan and the city of Billings will have to request funds on a case by case basis. She discussed the pros and cons of the program.

Staff Reports: *Staff will report on current programs and progress to date on projects.*

December's staff report was distributed and Beckett noted the following: 1) HUD technical assistance will be given to the Division in mid-February; the first \$1,500 repayment was received for High Sierra; Minor Home Repair Program has 16 clients, 7 in construction; and Housing Rehab has 17 clients, 1 in construction, and 3 ready to complete.

Neighborhood Concerns: *Opportunity for board members to share information or concerns.*

Hartung reminded the board of the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event on January 30 and encouraged everyone to volunteer. He also discussed Yes, We Can Billings, and its need for volunteers. He noted bills being presented in the legislative session.

Set Next Meeting Agenda and Adjournment: The next meeting will be February 3, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.