

Community Development Committee

June 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Community Development Committee was held on this date beginning at 3:05 p.m. over video conference call.

Notice of this meeting was sent out to the news media.

Committee Members: Councilmember Mitchell, Chairman, Councilmember Appel, Councilmember McBride, Councilmember Gregorie, Councilmember Parker, and Mayor Cogswell **Also Present:** Robert Summerfield, Rebecca Dail, Geona Shaw Johnson, Julia Copeland, Magalie Creech, Katie Dahlheim, Grace Orr, and Patrick Carlson, recording.

The meeting opened with an invocation led by Chairman Mitchell.

Approval of Minutes

None

Public Participation

None

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Review of 2025-2026 Federal awards from HUD

Councilmember Gregorie asked Geona Shaw Johnson about the funding from the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program mentioned in the letter from the Assistant Secretary of HUD.

Ms. Shaw Johnson said the City no longer had a Section 108 Loan because it had been paid off early. If the City wanted, they could use the program again to secure \$4.2 million for additional development.

Ms. Shaw Johnson said they would be discussing the 2025-2026 proposed program year funding based on applications from local organizations that complied with the City's Action Plan and HUD regulations. The Annual Action Plan served as an addendum to the City's five-year Consolidated Plan that was required by HUD. She said Grace Orr and Eric Chatham with Civitas had been helping the City codify and organize those plans and asked Rebecca Dail to present the proposed budgets.

2. Review and approval of the budgets for the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding

Ms. Dail read the final allocations for various local groups that would receive funding from the listed grant programs.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Mayor Cogswell, the committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed budgets.

3. Review and approval of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan including the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan

Councilmember Gregorie asked about the proposed goal to develop 3,500 housing units by 2032 in accordance with a recent City Council recommendation.

Mayor Cogswell thanked Councilmember Gregorie for bringing up that element of the proposal and suggested adding a footnote that acknowledged the City was unable to guarantee that goal because they were ultimately beholden to the free market.

Ms. Shaw Johnson said they could add an addendum that recognized the City was not responsible for that goal but supported a collective effort to help realize those intentions.

Mayor Cogswell also suggested adding the delivery date of the Bloomberg study to help clarify their support.

On a motion of Mayor Cogswell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed plan as amended.

Adjourn

Having no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Patrick Carlson
Clerk of Council's Office