## DRAFT Minutes of Regular Meeting HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Park
April 20, 2022
7:00 pm – Zoom Platform Remote Meeting

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:10 p.m. by

Chairperson, Dominic Tocci

**ROLL CALL**:

PRESENT: Dominic Tocci (Chair), Jonathan Burch, Keith Spencer, Juanta

Griffin and Drew Williams-Clark

ABSENT: Mary Mauney and one vacancy

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey J. Prior (staff liaison)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Stewart, OPRHC

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:** Mr. Drew Williams-Clark moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Keith Spencer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: No non-agenda public comment was provided.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes were presented for approval.

2022 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM (MFHIP): Mr. Prior began the discussion by thanking Michael Stewart of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center for his assistance in this year's MFHIP project. Since two HPAC members had never participated in the approval of the MFHIP application, Mr. Prior reviewed the entire process including the criteria selection and scoring. Mr. Stewart emphasized the importance of actually inspecting the buildings rather than just going by the paper application. A discussion among HPAC members of how the scoring spreadsheet was organized was held. This included the fact that two of the projects this year included energy grant requests, which were separate from the MFHIP application, but could be used in the scoring criteria, if HPAC decided to do so.

Chair Tocci offered a baseline proposal to start the conversation using the scoring presented by staff and the available funding of \$150,000. Mr. Drew Williams-Clark spoke of the spirit of the program to all of the members stating that the creation of the program was to provide incentives to landlords to affirmatively market their buildings. Ms. Griffin expressed a desire to have been included in the on-site visit. There was a discussion about the open meetings act related to this suggestion. It was put forth that any obstacles to this could possibly be avoided with advanced planning and proper notification. Future discussion was deemed warranted for a process change.

The Village received a total of 23 applications with grant project requests totaling \$222,352 for the \$150,000 MFHIP funding or an overage of \$72,352, which was pointed out is usually normal. Based upon staff's scoring method, the ordered projects were examined and it was determined that 16+ projects could be fully funded from the \$150,000. Various iterations of a selection process were presented by Chair Tocci and others. Mr. Burch pointed out two applicants who weren't being considered under the current proposal where one was a first time applicant and the other had submitted an energy grant. HPAC members adjusted the selection process to include these two applicants while at the same time increasing the independent applicants and decreasing the OPRC applications.

Mr. Spencer moved to approve the following applications for grants. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion.

| MSA 2201-G | \$10,000 Grant | 822-832 S Austin Blvd                    |
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| MSA 2202-G | \$10,000 Grant | 834-836 S Austin Blvd/2-8 Harvard St     |
| MSA 2203-G | \$10,000 Grant | 423-425 Washington Blvd                  |
| MSA 2206-G | \$10,000 Grant | 428 Washington Blvd                      |
| MSA 2208-G | \$10,000 Grant | 315 N Maple Ave                          |
| MSA 2209-G | \$6,500 Grant  | 112-114 Home Ave                         |
| MSA 2210-G | \$10,000 Grant | 130 Chicago Ave                          |
| MSA 2211-G | \$10,000 Grant | 163 N Lombard Ave                        |
| MSA 2212-G | \$6,852 Grant  | 306 Home Ave                             |
| MSA 2214-G | \$10,000 Grant | 206-212 N. Austin Blvd                   |
| MSA 2216-G | \$10,000 Grant | 450-460 N. Austin Blvd                   |
| MSA 2217-G | \$10,000 Grant | 946-948 N Austin Blvd                    |
| MSA 2218-G | \$10,000 Grant | 17-21 Harrison/906-908 S Humphrey Ave    |
| MSA 2219-G | \$10,000 Grant | 27-35 Harrison St/905-911 S Humphrey Ave |
| MSA 2220-G | \$10,000 Grant | 438-442 S Lombard Ave/128-132 Madison St |
| MSA 2221-G | \$6,648 Grant  | 470-492 N Austin Blvd/3-11 Ontario St    |

## **Roll Call Vote:**

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OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Tocci talked about the sustainability/climate plan meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey J. Prior, Staff Liaison