

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
January 17, 2018
7:00 pm – Room 215

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson, Dominic Tocci

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dominic Tocci (Chair), Frank FioRito, Trisha Girdwood, Debby Macey

ABSENT: Mary Mauney; two vacancies

STAFF PRESENT: Dawn Stockmo (staff liaison)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. FioRito moved to approve the September 26, 2017 meeting minutes without change. Ms. Macey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF HPAC 2018 WORK PLAN: Mr. Tocci began the discussion of the work plan by reviewing each section and would like to include the following: measureable goals where appropriate; identify specific reports to support the outcomes

MULTI-FAMILY PROGRAM

The Committee discussed the importance of the multi-family loan program in maintaining diversity in the Village and hopes the Board will fund the program again in 2019. During 2018, the Committee will review and revise, as needed, the guidelines for the multi-family loan program including the potential of integrating sustainability criteria.

RAIN READY PROGRAM

The Committee was briefed on the pilot program and discussed potential prioritization of applications including best suited parcels for impact, concentration of projects to measure impact, severity of flooding, properties below grade, coordination with green alley improvements. The Committee will be provided with the results of the pilot program for further discussion when it becomes available.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Upcoming term expirations** (confirmed that members can serve two consecutive terms). All members' terms except Mr. Tocci will expire in 2018.
- **Current vacancies** – there are two current vacancies so if any current members have ideas for replacements please have potential applicants apply via VOP website.
- **50th Anniversary of Fair Housing Act** - https://www.oprfhistory.org/this_month_in_history/may/5_1_10fairhousing.aspx
- **Crime Free Training** scheduled for February 7th from 9-11am at City Hall
- **Contractor Open House** scheduled for January 18 from 5-7:30pm at City Hall
- **Composting Incentive** – Ms. Girdwood reminded everyone of Incentive offered to join composting program. Residents who join the Village composting program for the first time will get three months free this year if they sign up for 12 months of continuous service, a savings of \$44.56. The cost is \$14.85 per month charged on the quarterly water bill, which is about the same as recycling one bag of yard waste per week during the Village's seasonal yard waste program that does not accept food scraps and requires a \$2.60 green sticker be attached to each bag or barrel. Composting subscribers can skip the stickers by putting their grass clippings and other gardening waste right into the organics cart. Residents who maintain backyard compost piles or mulch grass clippings are urged to investigate sharing organics carts and costs with neighbors. Sign up for the composting program online at www.oak-park.us/compost. For more information, call 708.358.5700 or email compostable@oak-park.us.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Ask loan applicants how they heard about the programs
- Use technology for meetings to reduce copying on paper
- Have before and after pictures of projects for multiple uses
- Include a case study of loan project in FYI

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. FioRito moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Ms. Girdwood seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Stockmo, Staff Liaison