Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Park February 21, 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, Mary Mauney, Debby

Macey

ABSENT: Trisha Girdwood; two vacancies

STAFF PRESENT: Dawn Stockmo (staff liaison)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Goldberg

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Ms. Macey moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Mauney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Goldberg was introduced as a potential new HPAC member sitting in on the meeting to observe. Mr. Goldberg is the Executive Director of Heartland Housing, Inc., based in Chicago, joined them in 2003 and became Executive Director in 2010. Mr. Goldberg is trained as an urban planner and prior to Heartland Housing, he worked in New York and Chicago. Mr. Goldberg and his family moved to Oak Park four years ago

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Ms. Macey moved to approve the January 17, 2018 meeting minutes without change. Mr. FioRito seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSALS

The proposed review process is for Village staff (Tammie Grossman, Cedric Melton, Craig Failor, Dawn Stockmo and OPEDC staff John Lynch) to review and interview each of the applicants in mid-March and finalists will be reviewed at an upcoming HPAC meeting.

Commission members raised a number of questions about the proposals: How can the VOP build in follow-through into the process; what are the property tax implications for the development projects; is providing a lessor amount of grant dollars feasible for applicants; better understanding of the need being served; what is the exact mix of unit types for each development projects; how secure is the funding being proposed in each proposal. They were generally supportive of having grant dollars returned so they could be reused. Those and other questions will be provided to the applicants prior to the meeting on March 12, 2018. Mr. Goldberg

stated that Heartland Housing has a partner agency that administers a rental assistance program if that is helpful.

RAIN READY PROGRAM UPDATE

The Board approved the 2018 Rain Ready program at the 2/20/18 board meeting. More details about the program and guidelines will be forthcoming.

SINGLE FAMILY/SMALL RENTAL LOANS UPDATE

Staff hopes to have small rental loans and single family loan for HPAC to review at upcoming meetings.

A DAY IN OUR VILLAGE – JUNE 3

Mark your calendars! A volunteer calendar signup will be distributed shortly.

COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 1

Everyone is invited – 7pm at the Oak Park Library

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Macey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Mr. FioRito seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Stockmo, Staff Liaison