Minutes of Regular Meeting HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Park July 18, 2018 7:00 pm – Room 215

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:05 pm by

Chairperson, Dominic Tocci

ROLL CALL:

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

Williams-Clark, and Amy Dean

ABSENT: Frank FioRito and Mary Mauney

STAFF PRESENT: Tammie Grossman and Jeffrey J. Prior (staff liaison)

TRUSTEE LIAISON: Trustee Simone Boutet

PUBLIC PRESENT: George Vergara

<u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:</u> A suggestion was made by Jeff Prior to include a discussion of the 2018 Work Plan and the Open Meeting Act under Other Business. Mr. Williams-Clark moved to amend the agenda to include the suggestions. Ms. Macey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Mr. Williams-Clark noted that the minutes had the start time listed as 7:043 pm. Mr. Prior stated that the correct time was 7:04 pm. Mr. Williams-Clark moved to amend the minutes as such. Ms. Macey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS: Ms. Grossman provided an explanation and an overview of the affordable housing funds. She discussed the three groups who are being recommended to the Board with their projects, The Community Builder (TCB), Mercy Housing, and Housing Forward. The discussion then turned to how to replenish the affordable housing fund. Several methods were brought up including the use of the transfer tax and inclusionary zoning. The pros and cons were briefly explored. More research was being requested by members in this area. Members asked staff if older reports, research or presentations could be provided to the committee. Staff will attempt to locate specific reports including previous HPAC recommendations or presentations and bring or send them out to the members for further discussion.

<u>MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM:</u> Ms. Grossman provided a history of the program. One component of the program included rental reimbursement at one time. It is felt that reimbursement is not always needed especially when vacancy is so

low. The program intent is to improve diversity within the community. There was a discussion on how this is measured.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u> Chair Tocci conducted a review of the 2018 HPAC Work Plan, providing updates where needed. There were questions pertaining to the role of HPAC in relation to the different projects listed on the plan. One topic brought up by a member was the build-up on bungalows and homes not appearing to be in character with the surrounding homes. This issue would be addressed by zoning. Trustee Boutet stated that it is hard to tell owners what they can't build being their own property.

Mr. Prior then reviewed the open meeting act training requirement due to the recent addition of two new HPAC members. Certificates of training are required to be on file with the Village Clerk.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Mr. Williams–Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Amy Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey J. Prior, Staff Liaison