

## Meeting Minutes

### Lower-Level Council Chambers

57 E. First Street

Mesa, Arizona 85201

The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) of the City of Mesa met on March 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower-Level Council Chambers, 57 E. First St.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Kris Woolley – Chair  
Stephen Sparks – Vice Chair  
Susan Brenton  
Derek Brosemann  
Diana Yazzie Devine  
Tom Stapley  
Linda Starr

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mara Benson  
Heather Kay

#### STAFF PRESENT

Emily Greco  
Jenni Hale  
Liz Morales  
Ray Thimesch

#### GUESTS

Aaron Raine

### **I. Chair's Call to Order**

Kris Woolley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

- A. A motion to approve the HCDAB minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting and the February 7, 2018 meeting was made by Stephen Sparks; seconded by Susan Brenton; the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

### **III. Items from Citizens Present**

There were no items presented.

### **IV. Discussion and Action Items**

- A. **Homeless Prevention Coalition** – Aaron Raine, Homeless Coordinator for the City, discussed the strategies being used and the priorities being addressed to help reduce homelessness in Mesa. Aaron discussed his role as Homeless Coordinator and discussed his efforts in working with downtown navigators, coordinating with various agencies and neighboring cities, and addressing other activities to get more help for the homeless.
- B. **Review of FY 2018/2019 Application Evaluation Process** – Liz Morales presented an overview of the grants application funding recommendations which were presented to the Community & Cultural Development Committee (CCD) on March 1, 2018. Liz will be making a few revisions at the request of the CCD and will be presenting the revised recommendations to them again on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. After the approval from the CCD, the recommendations will be presented to City Council. Liz thanked the Board members for their assistance in reviewing the applications. Discussion from the Board on the applications evaluation process included asking agencies to justify why they are asking for an increase, as well as asking what funding did the agencies receive last year and what did they accomplish with that funding. Further discussions/suggestions included reviewing the financials on a

red/green/yellow basis, as well as asking for just one proposal from each agency. The suggestion was made to visit these agencies each month as part of the Board meeting. Emily will check with Marc Center to see if they could be available for the Board's next meeting in April.

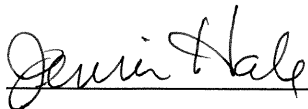
- C. **Love Your Neighborhood Pilot Project** – Ray Thimesch presented an update on the project. The City has selected a contractor (Habitat for Humanity). Housing and Community Development is working with them right now and will continue working closely with them for the next several months to ensure they get off to a good start. Liz mentioned that the focus is primarily to address slum and blight (focusing on housing and curb appeal) and providing education, and working on long term sustainability in the neighborhood. The project area is from Extension to Robson, Broadway to 2nd Street. The City will also be using the City's volunteer program, as well as various City departments on this project, and may apply for additional funds for next year.
- D. **City of Mesa Housing Authority Administrative Plan** – Liz Morales presented an overview of the Housing Authority 5-year Agency Plan and Administrative Plan. Every year Housing & Community Development gives HUD an update on the Housing Choice Voucher Program (operations/goals). The Public Comment Period is now open – more information can be reviewed on the City's web page: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=24720>

V. **Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information, including those set below**

- A. **Community and Cultural Development (CCD) Meeting**  
**Review and approval of funding recommendations for FY 18/19 CDBG, ESG, HOME, and Human Services proposals**  
Monday, March 5, 2018, 4:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers – Lower Level, 57 E First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
- B. **City Council Study Session – (*Date and Time to be determined*)**  
**Review and approval of final funding recommendations for FY 18/19 CDBG, ESG, HOME, and Human Services proposals**  
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- C. **Next HCDAB Meeting – Thursday, April 5, 2018**

VI. **Adjourn the meeting**

Susan Brenton motioned to adjourn; Linda Starr seconded; the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Submitted by Jenni Hale, Administrative Support Assistant I

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