

# Missoula City Council Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs Committee Minutes

**DRAFT**

**September 14, 2022**

**12:30 PM**

**Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)**

**Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT**

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** John P. Contos, Jordan Hess

Heidi West, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **1.1 Roll Call**

Rhea Sanders called the roll.

### **1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

#### **1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes From August 31st 2022**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **3.1 Montana Department of Commerce contract, NeighborWorks Montana subrecipient agreement**

Tracy Pohndorf, ARPA Grants Administrator, Community Planning, Development and Innovation outlined two contracts for approval. The first was an \$850,000 award from Montana Department of Commerce to create a new resident owned community in the city. The second contract is a sub-award to NeighborWorks Montana to carry out the project. Ms. Pohndorf explained that the funding originated from the CARES act and is identified as a Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). She described the stipulations on the funding at both the federal and state levels. She then explained NeighborWorks' role in the establishment of a resident owned community (ROC) in Missoula. Ms. Pohndorf announced both contracts are ready. She introduced Kaia Peterson, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Montana. Ms. Peterson further expanded on the grant submission for the ROC program. She conferred that manufactured home communities are at greater risk for redevelopment resulting in citizen displacement. Ms. Peterson also discussed the social makeup of those that live in these communities. She identified Old Hellgate Village as the target property. Ms. Pohndorf outlined the motion brought before the committee.

Councilperson Anderson made the recommended motion. Various committee members gave comment in support of the motion highlighting the vulnerable situation these communities are in, another committee member did not support the motion. For further information please see the attached video.

There was no public comment.

**Moved by:** Stacie Anderson

approve and authorize the Mayor to sign contracts with Montana Department of Commerce awarding \$850,000 to the City of Missoula for a Resident Owned Community (ROC) project in Missoula, and with NeighborWorks Montana awarding \$835,000 as a subrecipient to create the ROC.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): John P. Contos, and Jordan Hess

**Vote results: Approved (9 to 1)**

### **3.2 Operation Shelter Interlocal Agreement with Missoula County**

Montana James, Deputy Director of Community Planning, Development and Innovation introduced an agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula County and gave background on the city and county collaboration to develop a plan of response to address the increase in those experiencing houselessness due to the pandemic. The agreement would honor the funding and operating relationship between Missoula County and the City of Missoula in the operation of the shelter. The Interlocal agreement outlines the administration, financial rolls, effective dates, amendment procedures and high-level overview of the projects. Ms. James highlighted the motion.

The committee and Ms. James discussed the timeline on the Interlocal agreement. Councilperson Sherrill made the recommended motion. The committee and Ms. James discussed staffing and infrastructure of the project. Committee members also discussed local business owners' frustrations with the shelter and plans in place to help alleviate those frustrations and protect the business interests. A committee member reiterated what the vote is relating to.

There was no public comment.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with Missoula County for the provision and operation of the Operation Shelter projects for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (2): John P. Contos, and Jordan Hess

**Vote results: Approved (9 to 1)**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.