



**GREELEY URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY
Proceedings**

**March 8, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

**1001 11th Avenue
City Council Chambers, Overflow Room, City Center South
& remotely**

I. Call to Order

Chair Cummins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Commissioners Leffler, Lucero, Silva and Welsh were present. (Commissioner Utrata was absent; One vacancy exists.)

II. Approval of minutes for the meeting held on February 8, 2023

Commissioner Silva made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 8, 2023, as written. Commissioner Welsh seconded the motion; the motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner Utrata was absent; One vacancy exists.)

III. Items of Business

Public Hearing to consider priorities for 2024 CDBG and HOME

Ms. Larsen, Grant Specialist, noted the public hearing for the Action Plan to hear public comment prior to the Action Plan being formulated and activities recommended for funding.

Chair Cummins opened the public hearing at 4:36 p.m. and called for public comment.

Public attendees included representatives of current or former subrecipients of CDBG or HOME funding and the Executive Director of the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care. Each highlighted what their community efforts are and recommended that the City prioritize public services for funding, noting what the funds mean for their organizations. The following organizations were presents in person and via Zoom:

Tony Arguello, City of Greeley
Shawn Walcott, Director of Household Stability United Way of Weld County
Ernest Cienfuegos-Baca, Vice President of Community Impact United Way of Weld County

Enita Kearns-Hout, Director of Donor Engagement and Grant Development Catholic Charities

Kelli Pryor, Director Greeley Northern Colorado Continuum of Care

Jodi Hartman, Executive Director High Plains Housing Development Corp.

Randy Stokes, Corps Officer, Salvation Army

Cheri Witt-Brown, Executive Director Greeley Weld Habitat for Humanity

After the comments were heard the Public Hearing closed at 4:52 p.m.

The commissioners discussed the priorities that were put in place by the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The discussion included what activities were considered high priorities such as affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods.

It was noted by the commissioners that it is a difficult task setting priorities and to consider reducing public service activities when the needs are so great in the community. Staff provided historic background on how CDBG started becoming the source of funding for public service needs, noting that prior to the recession in about 2008-2009, public services were funded through the City's general fund. The Board concurred that general funds were a better source of funding than CDBG with all its restrictions and reporting requirements.

The Board's decision was to continue to review any 2024 CDBG applications for public services without constraints on length of time receiving funds and without consideration to lowering the public service exposure for the City specifically. This decision is supportive of the comments heard during the meeting. A higher level of discussion for the next five-year Strategic Plan priorities will be included as part of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Planning process.

Public Hearing – 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Ms. Larsen noted that the CAPER is required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) because the city receives HUD funding through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program grants (and sometimes others, such as CDBG-CV). It describes for HUD, and the public, how the grant funds were used and what the City does for low-moderate-income persons and neighborhoods. The CAPER being considered is for the 3rd year of the current Strategic Plan (2022). The City's 2022 grants were as follows: CDBG-\$837,611; HOME-\$436,526.

The public was invited to comment during a 15-day comment period, which ended March 3, 2023. No comments were received.

Chair Cummins opened the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. and called for public comment. There being no one from the public present, the hearing closed.

Commissioner Leffler made a motion to approve to recommend the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for approval to Greeley City Council. Commissioner Silva seconded the motion; the motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner

Utrata was absent; One vacancy exists.)

IV. Board Member Comments/Reports

Commissioner Leffler noted that mortgage rates will be changing, making housing issues even more important.

V. Staff Report

None

VI. Adjournment

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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