

Minutes

Housing Committee
Monday, March 7, 2022
6:45 p.m.

Police Training Room
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Carrubba, Councilman Sheldon, Councilman Brackman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Williams, Director of Development Crystal Surdyk, Assistant Corporation Counsel Benjamin Haskin.

Councilwoman Carrubba called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

No one appeared.

Discussion Items

Director of Development, Crystal Surdyk informed the committee that the Annual Action Plan is due to HUD on June 30, 2022 and the department is looking to get public engagement through walking tours that will take place in each ward. The plan is for each group to meet at a park or school and walk through a neighborhood of each ward. For individuals with mobility issues, there will be meetings scheduled that will not involve the tours. She noted that there will be a public hearing held prior to the June voting session.

Director Surdyk also informed the committee that the department has been working on the HOME-ARP grant which is focused on stakeholder feedback with a public hearing scheduled for March 28, 2022 prior to the Council voting session. This program will focus on rental rehab and will most likely be rolled out in May.

It was also noted that there were HOME funds available that the department had not used due to a shortage of contractors and staffing and that those funds would most likely be reallocated to CHRIC and CODE as they are CHODOs for the city and would be able to get the funds into the hands of those that need it quicker than the department could. She also clarified that any funds reallocated to either organization would only be used for city housing projects.

Chairwoman Carrubba noted that Josiah Lamp from Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. would be present at the full work session to give the council an update regarding the women's shelter that is currently planned for 303 Lafayette Street. She also noted that CHRIC would be attending the April 4, 2022 work session to present to council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. Williams
City Clerk/Treasurer