
Office of Neighborhood Services
Advisory Council
May 17, 2005
Minutes

Members Present: Susan Robinson
Bob Gomez
Nancy Estes
Bill Culp
Rick Richardson
David Hall
Andrew Penns
Linda Carleton

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon James, Director of Planning and Development Services
Larry Abrigg, Office of Neighborhood Services
Sandy Bowen, Office of Neighborhood Services

Guests Present: Diana McIver, Developer (Diana McIver Associates-DMA)
Sarah Kleiner, Abilene Reporter News

Agenda Item 1: Call the Meeting to Order by the Chair, Linda Carleton

Ms. Carleton convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and declared a quorum present.
Ms. Carleton read the opening statement for the ONS Advisory Council.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2005 meeting

Bill Culp moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Bob Gomez seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and vote regarding a funding request for a development at 2702 South 7th Street called, The Arbors at Rose Park

Mr. Abrigg expressed to the Advisory Council that Ms. Bowen would explain the funding request. Ms. Bowen briefed the Advisory Council that the funds would come from HUD, HOME funds and that these particular funds would not detract from any current funding. The project is for 80 units of independent elderly housing with 77 of the units restricted to 60% and below the HUD median income level. The request is for a \$281,000 loan at 2%. Ms. Bowen introduced Diana McIver of DMA and referred to her the Advisory Council's question regarding current market needs for affordable independent senior housing. Ms. McIver responded that the need identified in the market research was for 400 units. This project will be 80 units. Ms. McIver presented details of

the units including their location, style, amenities, and income qualifications for future residents. She explained the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program point system. DMA is currently tied with a developer whose project is located in Wichita Falls. When the Advisory Council asked what they could do to show additional support of the project on a community level basis, Ms. McIver said it would be beneficial for those in favor of the request to travel to speak at the public hearings in Austin on June 27 and July 27. These hearings are held by the state of Texas, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Ms. McIver also said after attending several neighborhood meetings that the Amarillo-Highland Homeowners Association endorsed the project and changed their boundaries to include this project site. Council members were especially encouraged by the location across from the Rose Park Senior Center and the fact that it supported the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for infill development and the proposed goals and objectives for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

Bill Culp made a motion to support the funding request and to recommend to City Council that they approve the funding request. Bob Gomez seconded it. The members approved the request for funding unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Approved: _____

Chairman

Date: _____