



Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This Meeting was held remotely.*

The Housing/Community Development/Social Service Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta; and Committee Member Reps. Baxter, Campbell, Ley and Pollack. Excused was rep. Goldberg. Also present Emily Gordon, and Community Development; Janeene Freeman, Mayor's Office; Ralph Blessings, Land Use Bureau Chief; and members of the public.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. HCD31.013	PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing on the Year 48 CDBG Proposal (2022-2023) and Year 45 CDBG Substantial Amendment including CDBG-CV CARES (2019-2020). 04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon	PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Co-Chair Moore opened the public hearing and one member of the public spoke in favor of the City of Stamford receiving funds for more affordable housing.

2. HCD31.014	PUBLIC COMMENT: Review of Required Comment Period for Year 48 CDBG Proposal (2022-2023) and Year 45 CDBG Substantial Amendment including CDBG-CV CARES (2019-2020). 04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon	COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-0
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Director Gordon stated they received one [comment](#) from ARI of Connecticut Inc., to reconsider allocating the full amount requested.

The Committee briefly discussed, and decided not to change the allocation decided on to ARI of Connecticut Inc.

3. HCD31.015	APPROVAL: Year 48 CDBG Proposal (2022-2023). 04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon	COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-0
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A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (Moore, Roqueta, Campbell, Ley and Pollack in favor)

4. [HCD31.023](#) APPROVAL: Year 45 CDBG Substantial Amendment including CDBG-CV CARES (2019-2020).
04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon **COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (Moore, Roqueta, Campbell, Ley and Pollack in favor)

5. [HCD31.016](#) RESOLUTION: Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 48 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford.
04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon **COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-0**

Ms. Gordon explained that this is the yearly resolution submitted for approval of the Board of Representatives in order for the Mayor to submit the plans for the City to receive the CDBG funds from the Federal Government.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (Moore, Roqueta, Campbell, Ley and Pollack in favor)

6. [HCD31.020](#) APPROVAL: Amended Year 47 CDBG Allocations.
04/06/22 – Submitted by Emily Gordon **COMMITTEE APPROVED 5-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 5-0-0. (Moore, Roqueta, Campbell, Ley and Pollack in favor)

7. [HCD31.012](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amendment to Code of Ordinances § 146-67 Creation of A Commercial Linkage Affordable Housing Program to Increase the Linkage Share Percentage.
03/08/22 – Submitted by Reps. Moore and Roqueta
03/29/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0 **FAILED 3-3-0**

Co-Chair Roqueta submitted this item to increase the Linkage Share from 5% to 10% in order to have more money available for affordable housing.

Mr. Blessings thinks this is a great idea and it would get more money to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Currently the trust fund is exhausted it needs a sustainable strategy in place to replenish the fund.

Ms. Freeman suggests that the importance of money to be allocated and available for multiple affordable housing needs is priority. The Mayor's office is looking at the logistics and what this means for other things that may not be funding by this increase. The Mayor is in support of this suggestion but still in discussion regarding the details.

Rep Ley asked about the assessment of building department fees. Ralph Blessing explained the building permit fees are based on the assumed value of the proposed improvement and the 30th Board increased the building fees significantly. Increasing building permit fees may hinder builders from Stamford.

