

LIVINGSTON URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING March 15th, 2023, 4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: [] Allison Vicenzi, Lisa Garcia, Rick VanAken, Grant Gager, Christina Nelson

2. Approve meeting minutes for February 15th, 2023 meeting []

Moved By: Rick, Second by: Allison All in Favor

3. New Business: []

A. Renew Christina Nelson as Secretary

Moved by: Rick, Second by: Lisa All in Favor

B. Residential Rehabilitation Program:

Grant gave back ground of the URA Goals and Guidelines, and now looking at the future with what the good use of the funds could be, so talked about the discussion of the previous meeting on housing, what units fit, application period with guidelines, on eligibility with requirements the right use of the funds along with if it would be a one year reimbursement or multiple year reimbursement

Bob Ebinger – Parking could be an issue and talked about the fire restriction between the second and third floor

Lindy Gibson – Employers need employees but housing in an issue, and there are areas that could be used for housing, Eastside & Lincoln School, American Bank Drive Thru, Industrial Towel

Patricia Grabow – Had provided information in writing and talked about the benefits of multi-use buildings and not best place for low income

James Lato – Tru North Café, no one can afford to live here, limit vacation rentals, might have 2 places possible

Mark Nardin – talked about the Elks was built in 1926 and how they have so many things that need to be fixed on the building and how they would like to utilize the building and create passive income to help cover the high costs these days, to help the Elks be able to keep doing all the charitable things that they do for the community

Trent - that he is with Brown Field Assessment that gives low interest loans and how they can help those that are trying to do something with the housing

Katherine Gaily – likes the great work, and talked about shared parking, multi-use structures

Angela Devine – talked about other buildings or areas that could be used for housing and open parking areas, such as old Kenyon Noble building and across from there, and the Dental Office parking area for open parking

Lila Fleshman – talked about how the downtown would be good and allow good connection with employment and housing, and that HRDC would be willing to offer management for those that don't want to have to manage rental

It was mentioned that other comments could be sent to the city email address

Boards discussion on this after public comments was about the requirements of long term or short term and who would follow up on regulating them, and how it only makes sense and how having commercial on the bottom and housing above would work well and even about underground parking, and about how the parking could be handled case by case. That the Façade would have a shorter application window to be able to look at all projects and know the limits of what's coming. Talked about how down payments are a huge issue to keep in mind, and focus on in the district area and then can maybe talk about moving out later. Looking at case by case on affordability in activation any unused space into housing.

Grant mentioned that he will put all the information together that was gathered from this meeting

C. Interview 2 Candidates for Open Board Seats:

Moved all others to the next meeting, ended up short of time

4. Old Business: []

Moved all others to the next meeting, ended up short of time

5. Public Comments []

Moved all others to the next meeting, ended up short of time

7. Board Comments []

Moved all others to the next meeting, ended up short on time

Adjourn: At 5:35 PM Moved by Rick, Second by Lisa All in Favor

Submitted by Christina Nelson

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Next scheduled meeting will be April 19th, 2023 4:30 p.m.