

Minutes of Meeting
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
April 15, 2024

The Housing and Community Improvement Commission (HCIC) of the City of Grand Prairie met on Monday, April 15, 2024. The meeting was held at Grand Prairie Housing and Neighborhood Services, 210 W. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Toth, President
Brandie King, Vice President
Madiola Harper, Commissioner
Amjad Bhular, Commissioner
Debra Blubaugh, Commissioner
Leon Dudley, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Patrick Cornelius, Housing and
and Neighborhood Services Manager
Lolette Brooks, Administrative Supervisor
Hillary Balogun, Neighborhood Services
Specialist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vivian Vance, Commissioner
Ricardo Calderon, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

President Toth called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

1. Review of Minutes of January 22, 2024, Meeting

All present board members reviewed the previous meeting minutes with no objections or corrections.

2. Selection and Rating of Applications

President Toth asked if we know the dollar amount that HUD has approved yet. Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, Patrick Cornelius stated that today HUD issued the income limits, but we have not been given an approved dollar amount – that amount may be available May 1st. President Toth asked if the Commissioners could discuss the applications openly and rate them collectively. Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, Patrick Cornelius stated that the City Council would want to see individual scoring rather than a collective score. Commissioner Bhular asked without knowing an approved dollar amount, what happens to the board's recommendations. Housing and Neighborhood Services

Manager, Patrick Cornelius advised that the Housing Director and City Manager make recommendations to City Council to decide. Commissioner Leon Dudley wanted to clarify what is the low and moderate income percentages.

Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, Patrick Cornelius advised that low income is 30% of median income and moderate income is 50% of median income. Commissioner Madiola Harper asked if the board members could visit some of the PSAs to check them out and can the board members make suggestions or recommendations to the PSAs regarding their funding requests. Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, Patrick Cornelius advised the board members to note all remarks and suggestions on the rating forms. Commissioner Debra Blubaugh asked if the board members have to complete an application to renew their commission. Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, Patrick Cornelius advised the renewal depends on the City Council person who appointed them.

3. Required Open Meetings Training Video Certification

All present Commissioners confirmed that they have completed their training certification.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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Administrative Supervisor

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H.C.I.C. President