



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION Community Development Board Meeting Minutes

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### Regular Meeting of the Community Development Board June 6, 2017

**Board Members Present:** Jim Corson, Rebecca Noell, Joe Stockburger, Patt Leikam, Katrina Kruger, Kathleen Candelaria, Bret Rutherford

**Staff Present:** Brenda Beckett, Dina Harmon, Tam Rodier, Wyeth Friday

**Board Members Excused:** Becky Bey, Laura Gittings-Carlson

**Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:** The Community Development Board met at its regular monthly meeting located in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Miller Building, 2825 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Billings, Montana. Board Vice Chair, Jim Corson, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**Public Comment:** No public comment was offered.

**Meeting Minutes:** Board member Patt Leikam moved to approve the adjusted May meeting minutes and Kathleen Candelaria seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Staff Reports:

- **VISTA:** Staff reported Summer Associates were currently participating in On Site Orientation and where they have been placed (*see attached*). Recruitment for the full years is still progressing.
- **Foreclosure Acquisition / Housing Rehabilitation Program:** No new applications were received for the manufactured home repair program in May. Seven new Housing Rehabilitation applications were received, six are receiving bids, and enough funding remains to assist about five homes.
- **First Time Home Buyer Program:** Staff reported HOME funds have been expended. Funding is available to assist potential first time home owners using funds from CDBG and City Council.

**First Time Home Buyer Subordination Request:** A home owner has submitted a request through their bank to subordinate the loan received by the city to attempt to prevent foreclosure (*see attached*). Staff recommended subordination. After discussion, a motion to approve the staff recommendation was presented by Katrina Kruger and seconded by Rebecca Noell. Several Board members remarked about the need of added information from the lender and the home owner in order to make a more informed decision. After a vote, those that voted for the subordination recommendation outnumbered those against the subordination recommendation 4 – 3.

**July Meetings:** The Board discussed the responsibilities and duties required for the next meeting. Patt Leikam made a motion not to meet until August, unless a special session became necessary. Rebecca Noell seconded the motion and after a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Neighborhood Concerns and Happenings:** Patt Leikam announced that September 16<sup>th</sup> will be her final work day before her retirement commences. Wyeth announced that at the adjacent neighborhood task force meeting on Thursday, the city engineer would present all of the construction projects the City will be working on throughout the summer.

**Next Meeting:** Jim Corson adjourned the meeting and set the next for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## Billings Metro VISTA Project – Summer Associate 2017 Class



**Thomas Giallella** just graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Psychology. He will be working with **Wise Wonders Children's Museum** to enhance summer STEAM programs. In his free time he likes to hike, go fishing, and cook. Thomas has never left Florida and is excited to see the other side of the country and work with BMVP!

**Raquel Zepeda** is a teacher at a small private school in Redlands, California. She's very excited to spend her summer break working at **Wise Wonders Children's Museum**! Raquel has a degree in Communicative Disorders. In her spare time, she enjoys camping, hiking, and crafts!



**Sebastian Mada** is a rising senior at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. In his free time, he loves watching depressing drama movies, reading and hiking. He will be working with the **Housing Authority of Billings** to combat summer learning loss for children in public housing. He is excited to be in Billings for the summer and can't wait to explore the city and the scenery.