

Community Development Advisory Board

Work Session Notes

December 13, 2021

Board members present: Ralph Taylor, Sr. Paula Rose Jauernig, Bobbie Snyder, and Ellen Bogdan. Mike Seufert, Charles Davis and Brian Keeley were absent. Staff members present were Community Development Coordinator Mary Dwyer and Administrative Assistant Michelle Baragary.

Staff/Board discussion: Consolidated Plan Survey Results

1. How would you rate the housing needs of special populations in Leavenworth?
Weighted Average Results – Homeless 3.92, Severe Mental Health 3.84, Substance Abuse 3.66
Board Consensus – priorities are mental health, substance abuse and homeless.
2. How would you rate the following public facilities and community improvements in Leavenworth?
Streets and Sidewalks 3.72, Homeless Facilities 3.58, Demolition of Dangerous Structures or Vacant Buildings
Mary Dwyer stated the Board may want to look at funding streets/sidewalks versus sewer improvements. Ms. Dwyer will speak with Public Works Department about PW rearranging their funding to handle the private sewers.
Board Consensus – priorities are homeless facilities, water or sewer improvements and demolition of dangerous or vacant buildings.
3. How would you rate the following public service activities in Leavenworth?
Weighted Average Results – Mental Health Services 4.50, Substance Abuse Services 4.34, Health Services 4.31, Homeless Services 4.29, Housing Assistance 4.29
Board consensus – priorities are health, substance abuse, housing and housing for homeless.
4. How well are these City of Leavenworth programs meeting community needs?
Critical need was higher for New Construction/Acquisition of Low-Income Housing than the Home Repair Program (HRP) and the First-Time Home Buyer Program (FTHB).
Ralph Taylor stated he spoke with several people who want to submit an application for the HRP but need help with the application. Ms. Dwyer stated they can get help through Welcome Central or city staff. Ms. Dwyer will update the HRP application to include this information.
Board Consensus – maintain the HRP and FTHB. Keep the New Construction/Acquisition as a place holder.

Input on use of CDBG funds for Annual Action Plan 2022-23

There was consensus for the Community Development Coordinator to assign funds according to the five-year plan the board just prioritized. This will go before the Board for final approval.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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