

**A. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER & WELCOME**

The Gresham Community Development and Housing Subcommittee (CDHS) meeting was called to order by Uriah Edmunds, Chair, at approximately 5:35 P.M. on the 15th day of March 2023. This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

CDHS COMMITTEE PRESENT: Uriah Edmunds, Heather Ricks, Ryan Johnson, Jessica Spellman, Bobbie Meza, Christine Bierman

CDHS COMMITTEE NOT PRESENT: April Johnson, William Davis, Delores Burgos

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Dina DiNucci

STAFF PRESENT: Ashley Miller, Community Revitalization Manager; Rachel Nehse, Program Analyst

**B. Applicant Presentations**

All Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) grant applicants were invited to give a brief presentation on their proposed 2023-24 projects. Seven (7) applicants presented project information and the additional six (6) applicants were scheduled for the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tammy Montgomery from Our Just Future presented on the Willow Tree project, which would provide stabilization and wrap around services for homeless or at-risk households to alleviate or prevent homelessness.

Laura Heller from Metropolitan Family Service presented on the AARP Experience Corps Mentoring program, which would recruit and train a team of supportive senior mentors to provide mentorship and tutoring to children in K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms at Davis Elementary in the Rockwood neighborhood.

Carly Copplestone from Eastside Timbers presented on the proposed after-school recreation league program, which would provide a free after-school soccer program for low-income children at various Gresham schools.

Meaghann Ande from Community Alliance of Tenants presented on their Renter's Rights Education program, which would offer bilingual or Spanish renters rights education workshops in Gresham and provide a renter's rights hotline with referral services to Gresham residents.

Haley Mountain from Community Energy Project, Inc. presented on the DIY Weatherization Workshop program, which would provide weatherization kits and workshops to teach participants how to install the kits in their homes to save on heating and water bills and keep their homes more comfortable in extreme heat or cold.

Ricardo Lopez from East County Solutions presented on the Living Solutions program, which provides job training and placement assistance to low- and very low-income Gresham residents to increase their incomes and stabilize their households.

Curtis Young and Bianca Tyrell from Family of Friends Mentoring presented on the Family of Friends program, which would recruit and match supportive adult mentors with at-risk youth and provide an in-school mentoring program in two Gresham elementary schools.

### **C. Internal Project Overview**

Ashley Miller provided an overview of the two internal City projects seeking CDBG or HOME funds. First, the Rockwood Central Street Improvement project would add sidewalk to Yamhill Street from 182<sup>nd</sup> to Rockwood Central Park. The park is being improved with ARPA funds, so the addition of sidewalks would help improve safe pedestrian access in the neighborhood and to the park itself. This project could use the existing CDBG park set aside funds and an additional ~\$200,000 in CDBG funds to complete the sidewalk infill.

Second, the City's internal WELCOME HOME program will be requesting HOME funds to continue providing down payment assistance loans to households at or below 80% median family income. This program was allocated \$350,000 in 2022-23. Rachel Nehse shared that the program was on track to spend down the full 2022-23 allocation and could likely spend more in 2023-24.

### **D. For the Good of the Order**

Chair Edmunds asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order.

### **ADJORN**

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.