Minutes of Regular Meeting HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village of Oak Park January 19, 2022 7:00 pm – Zoom Platform Remote Meeting

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:15 p.m. by

Chairperson, Dominic Tocci

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Dominic Tocci (Chair), Jonathan Burch, Juanta Griffin and Drew

Williams-Clark

ABSENT: Keith Spencer, Mary Mauney and one vacancy

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey J. Prior (staff liaison)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Mr. Drew Williams-Clark moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Jonathan Burch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: No non-agenda public comment was provided.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Mr. Jonathan Burch moved to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting. Mr. Drew Williams-Clark seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

<u>2022 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM (MFHIP):</u> Mr. Prior provided an overview of the MFHIP, reviewing the recent changes to the program including offering a flat amount for the grant regardless of the number of units. A change to this year's program is the inclusion of the Energy Efficiency Grants. The purpose of the program is to provide an incentive to building owners to work with the Regional Housing Center to affirmatively market buildings for integration.

The timeline for the program was presented to the members, who were asked if they had any changes they wanted to make to the guidelines. Change to the guidelines tonight would result in the timeline being pushed back by at least one month. A more detailed discussion of the program was held among the committee members. No changes were recommended by HPAC to the program.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u> Chair Tocci asked about any updates to the workplan timeline, which there were none.

Chair Tocci asked about the affordable housing fund. Mr. Prior reported that there is a possibility that on March 14th there might be an affordable housing presentation to

the Board. Member Drew Williams-Clark officially requested that the affordable housing fund be placed on the February agenda.

Mr. Prior updated the committee on one of the rehabilitation projects.

Member Drew Williams-Clark informed the committee that the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance is looking into under utilization of a federal program that allows housing authorities, like the OPHA, to convert housing choice vouchers into housing payments.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Mr. Jonathan Burch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Drew Williams-Clark seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey J. Prior, Staff Liaison