

Affordable Housing Board 2006 Annual Report

The following lists the major items the Affordable Housing Board was involved with during 2006:

1. **Land Bank Program Updates:** The Board was updated throughout the year on the progress of the land bank program to acquire properties for the long-term development of affordable housing.
2. **Competitive Process for Allocating City Funds for Affordable Housing:** Worked with the CDBG Commission in advising the City Council on the funding for affordable housing projects in the spring and fall cycles of the competitive process.
3. **City Budget/Affordable Housing Funds.** The Board was updated regularly on the City budget issues of reduced revenues and what the impacts would mean for funding for affordable housing programs.
4. **2006 Work Program.** The Board conducted a couple of in-depth meetings with Council member Kurt Kastein, Council liaison to the Board, to discuss the Board's 2006 Work Plan.
5. **Affordable Housing Summit.** Met with Eric Nichols, President of the Fort Collins Board of Realtors, to discuss the 2006 Affordable Housing Summit.
6. **Building Advocacy for Affordable Housing.** Following a major item on the Board's 2006 Work Plan, the Board conducted a series of sessions with major providers of affordable housing in the community to determine how the Board could help them achieve their specific missions. Meeting with the Board were the following individuals:
 - a. Gordon Thibedeau, Director of the Larimer County United Way
 - b. Chadrick Martinez, Executive Director of CARE Housing
 - c. Julie Brewen, Executive Director of the Fort Collins Housing Authority
 - d. Wendie Robinson, Executive Director of Neighbor-to-Nighbor
 - e. Candace Mayo, Executive Director of Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity
 - f. Vickie McLane, Policy & Intergovernmental Manager, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO)
7. **Competitive Process Application/Review Criteria.** Conducted several meetings to discuss possibly expanding the criteria to review affordable housing funding requests in the competitive process to include the issues of handicapped access and "green" building techniques. The issues remain unresolved.
8. **Human Services Day Center.** Discussed whether to send a letter of support to the City Council regarding a proposed Human Services Day Center in the North College area which was receiving NIMBY opposition from area residents and business owners. Since the project had not proceeded as yet through the development review process the Board delayed any official action.
9. **Coloradoan Marketing Data.** Heard a presentation from Konan Houser from the Marketing Department of the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper regarding housing prices and demands. The data presented differed from information previously given to the Board. Some Board members questioned the validity of the Coloradoan's

information.

10. **2007 Work Plan.** The Board worked to complete a work plan for the year 2007.