

Affordable Housing Board 2002 Annual Report

The following lists the major items the Affordable Housing Board was involved with during 2002:

1. **Application Fees for Rental Units:** Met with the Fort Collins Apartment Managers Association to investigate the charging of application fees for rental units and the impacts such a practice has on low-income families trying to secure housing.
2. **Land Bank Program Updates:** The Board was updated throughout the year on the process to establish a land bank program to acquire properties for the long-term development of affordable housing.
3. **Competitive Process for Allocating City Funds for Affordable Housing:** Worked with the CDBG Commission in advising the City Council on the funding affordable housing projects in the spring and fall cycles of the competitive process.
4. **Affordable Housing Impact Fee Exemptions:** Discussed the potential expansion of impact fee exemptions granted to the Housing Authority to other affordable housing developers.
5. **Northern Hotel Parking:** Heard a report from Funding Partners concerning the parking situation at the Northern Hotel senior housing project.
6. **Nexus Study:** Reviewed and discussed the information contained in the Nexus Study of the demand for affordable housing created by market rate housing and low paying jobs.
7. **CRA Organizational Effort:** Worked with Funding Partners and First national Bank in an attempt to coordinate CRA efforts and create a clearing house for affordable housing financial assistance.
8. **Bonding for Street Improvements:** Discussed a possible exemption for affordable housing projects of the Engineering Department's requirement that a bond be posted to guarantee street construction standards.
9. **120-Day Development Review Process:** Asked if the City could implement a shorter review process time (120-day) for affordable housing projects.
10. **I-25 Subarea Plan:** Heard periodic reports from staff regarding the development of the I-25 Subarea Plan with special interest on density limitation and their possible effects on the development of affordable housing.
11. **Rural Transit Authority:** Heard a presentation on the possible establishment of a Rural Transit Authority (RTA).
12. **Elizabeth Street Senior Apartments:** Received periodic update reports on the construction of this new project for senior housing.
13. **Rigden Farm Updates:** Received periodic update reports on the planning of this new project to provide affordable housing.
14. **Practical Housing for All Initiative:** Heard a presentation on this initiative to make changes in construction techniques to make units assessable to mobility impaired people.
15. **City Plan Update:** Heard periodic reports from staff regarding the development of the City Plan Update project.
16. **New Model Building Code Review:** Heard a staff presentation on pending Building

Code changes and appointed a member to the citizens review committee.

17. **Street Oversizing fee Increase:** Heard a presentation from the Engineering Department regarding the proposed increases to the City's Street Oversizing Fee.