

Affordable Housing Board 2001 Annual Report

The following lists the major items the Affordable Housing Board was involved with during 2001:

1. **Reinstatement of the Development Impact Fee Rebate Program:** Discussed whether or not funds should be taken from the competitive process and used to reinstate the Development Impact fee Rebate Program
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Land Use Code Changes:** Reviewed two proposed changes to the City Land Use Code for impacts on affordable housing. One change reduced the landscaping design requirements for affordable housing projects. The second change expanded the areas in which density bonuses could be granted for affordable housing projects.
5. **2002-2003 City Budget:** Reviewed the proposed 2002-2003 City budget for funding allocations for affordable housing purposes. And forwarded comments to the City Council.
6. **Periodic Review of the Affordable Housing Board:** Prepared for the Board's first periodic review by the City Council.
7. **Dry Creek Mobile Home Park:** Heard of concerns from the developer of the Dry Creek Mobile Home Park on the increase of City fees and the affordability of homes in the development.
8. **Loveland Affordable Housing Program:** Received a report of the City of Loveland's Affordable Housing Program and compared incentive items to those available from the City.
9. **City Council Assignment:** Received an assignment from the City Council to investigate obstacles to the development of affordable housing in Fort Collins and report back findings to the Council. The project was completed in August and a study session conducted in December to review the Board's finding and recommendations.
10. **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 cycle of the competitive process.

11. **Impact Fee Exemptions:** Discussed the potential expansion of impact fee exemptions granted to the Housing Authority to other affordable housing developers.
12. **Northern Hotel Update:** Received periodic update reports on the renovation of the Northern Hotel into 47 units of senior housing.
13. **Poudre River Floodplain Regulations:** Received a presentation and discussed the proposed changes to floodplain regulations for the Poudre River basin.
14. **Need for rental Assistance:** Heard a presentation from housing providers on the findings of a study conducted by the Interfaith Council on the need for additional rental housing, and rental subsidies, in the city.
15. **Nexus Study:** Reviewed and discussed the preliminary information contained in the Nexus Study of the demand for affordable housing created by market rate housing and low paying jobs.