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**Meeting Minutes
Steering Committee and Working Group
West Cook County Housing Collaborative**

**December 9, 2013
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 pm.
Berwyn City Hall
6700 26th Street, Berwyn, IL**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Meyers at 3:35 p.m.

II. Attendees

- Members Present: Alderman Cesar Santoy and Alicia Ruiz (Berwyn); Mayor Anthony Calderone and Tim Gillian (Forest Park); Mayor Edwenna Perkins and David Myers (Maywood); Tammie Grossman (Oak Park).
- Member(s) Absent: Trustee Ronald Nightengale and Tonita LeShore (Bellwood); Trustee Colette Lueck (Oak Park).
- Others Present: Mayor Robert Lovero and Evan Summers (Berwyn); John Gerut and Kristine Giornalista (IFF); Marisa Novara (Metropolitan Planning Council); Allison Clements (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus); Rob Breymaier (OPRHC); Anna Bachman (UIC-Voorhees).

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

There was no non-agenda public comment.

IV. Agenda

MOTION to accept by Mayor Calderone and seconded by Alderman Cesar Santoy. MOTION passed unanimously.

V. Minutes of July 23, 2013 and September 25, 2013

MOTION to accept as drafted made by Alderman Cesar Santoy and seconded by Mayor Calderone. MOTION passed unanimously.

VI. Program Progress

• **DCEO Single Family Rehabilitation**

- Twenty nine homes have will be acquired, rehabbed and resold in Round 1, passing the 27 projected homes. The reuse funds total nearly \$1.2 Million. Currently, the average subsidy per home is \$34,795, including \$10,000 in down payment assistance. The average total development cost is approximately \$147,000.

• **HUD Grant - Status of comprehensive plans**

- Maywood will be hosting a community workshop on December 10. Interviews with key leaders are underway.
- Forest Park will have a second community meeting in January 2014. Forest Park is will release a community survey sometime in January or February.
- Oak Park has finalized the goals and objectives of its plan. The plan will be finalized in spring 2014.



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- **Attorney General Mortgage Settlement Grant**
 - IFF is waiting for the Attorney General to contact them regarding the \$3 Million Mortgage Settlement grant agreement.
- **IHDA Abandoned Property Program**
 - The Working Group and IFF had discussed a joint application for these funds, but it was decided to apply individually. IFF assisted Bellwood with collecting data on foreclosures for their application. Funding from this program is generated by foreclosure filings. IHDA anticipates having annual funding rounds.

VII. Strategic Planning Process

- IFF presented the steps for the upcoming strategic planning process. This planning is supported by a Cook County CDBG grant and a Grand Victoria Foundation grant. IFF will be scheduling interviews for December and January.

VIII. TOD Fund Approval Process

- IFF sought feedback on additional strategies to pursue to effectively deploy the TOD fund.
- IFF will begin due diligence on how to use the TOD fund for establishing site control and rehabbing existing buildings.
- IFF is continuing analysis on a strategy for distressed 2-4 flats. IFF has confirmed that the Attorney General money can be used for small multifamily provided the overall unit goal does not change.

IX. EPA Brownfield Grants

- EPA released their annual request for applications for three brownfield programs. IFF recommended looking at applying for this in another year.

X. Homeownership Program Name and Tag Line

- IFF presented possible names and tag lines for the WCCHC homeownership program that were generated by the consultant, American Marketing Services. "West Cook Advantage: Your Opportunity for Affordable Homeownership" was selected.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kristine Giornalista, IFF.