

*Long Term Debt Committee
December 6, 2021
Minutes of the Meeting*

Attendance

Chairman Darcy	Present
Councillor Mackin	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Paz	Present
Councillor Vidal	Present

Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m.

Councillor Vidal moved approval of the November 15, 2021 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. CPC recommendation for allocation of CPA funds in the amount of \$85,000 for Phase 1 Architect design services at Opportunities for Inclusion at 52 Chestnut Street.

Councillor Paz moved to hear from all off-committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Board member Shawn Keefe, Director of Marketing Joanne Raymond, and Jim Lacrosse from the Planning Department appeared before the committee. Attorney Keefe said these funds will be used for phase 1 architectural services for the exterior of the building. Ms. Raymond said this organization was founded in 1956, formerly known as GWARC. They moved to this building in the 1970's. Became known as Opportunities for Inclusion in 2018. Ward Councillor Harris spoke in favor of this request. Mr. Lacrosse said the HVAC and the elevator has recently been updated using Block grant funding. Councillor McMenimen spoke about the history of this institution and its founders. Councillor Vidal noted that strictly exterior worked was being reviewed. Councillor Paz asked for a time line on the project. Mr. Lacrosse said about twenty weeks. Chairman Darcy officially accepted the five letters of recommendations in the packet. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. CPC recommendations for allocation of CPA funds in the amount of \$400,000 for exterior renovations at 92 Felton Street.

Councillor Paz moved to hear from all off-committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Housing Director Bob Waters and Jim Lacrosse from the Planning Department appeared before the committee. Mr. Waters said these funds will be used for phase 1 architectural services. Mr. Bob Livermore has already been selected. Councillor Paz said he is excited that the City is moving forward with this property. Councillor Paz asked what the projected total costs were, and project timeline. Mr. Lacrosse said total costs is projected at \$950,000 and it should take about six months.

Councillor Vidal asked if it will still be used as a shelter. Mr. Waters said no. Councillor McMenimen asked when the analysis was done by Mr. Livermore. Mr. Waters said about two years ago. Councillor Mackin asked if there were any plans at this time to do any interior work on the building. Mr. Waters said not that he knows of. Councillor Mackin noted the terrible conditions in the past with the inside of the building. Councillor Mackin said there should be more community input before moving forward. Chairman Darcy asked Mr. Waters to provide the clerk with digital plans of the project. Mr. Waters said he would do so. Councillor Paz moved approval of the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Vidal made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk