

CITY OF LIMA
NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
FEBRUARY 27, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed the following members present: Thomas Jones, Derry Glenn, Jon Neeper

Others in attendance were: Carla Thompson, Carmillia Zion (Attendance sheet attached)

ITEM OF DISCUSSION

1. City of Lima Housing Programs

Carmillia Zion, Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods, advised that in 2021, the City of Lima received HOME-ARP funds which a portion was used in the Housing and Neighborhoods Department for various programs. She explained that in 2022, the City of Lima began to create a housing repair initiative and found that the previous income guidelines needed to be increased. She advised from February 2023 to May 31, 2023 the City has received 107 applications and to date and of those applicants the City has completed 47 home repairs. She explained the City is not currently taking applications as they need to make sure they can continue with the current applications. She further explained of the 48 remaining applicants 8 projects are going out to re-bid. She asked the remaining applicants to be patient as they are working on getting through the list as soon as they can. Glenn recommended the department send a letter to the remaining applicants advising them of the status of their application.

Ms. Zion advised a letter will be sent to the remaining applicants every 90 days. She reviewed the various programs available through the City. She advised there are funds currently available in the rental repair program which is designed to help landlords provide better housing options to residents of the City who are low to moderate income. She referenced the HOME Fund program use policy. She advised the Better Together Program allowed \$30,000 is not available any longer and the maximum disbursement amount for the HOME Funds Update Program is \$24,000. She explained after it is determined that the applicant is income eligible, the City's Rehab Specialist performs an assessment on the home and determines the deficiencies of the home and how many of those deficiencies need

to be met in order to bring the home up to City code. She reminded the Committee that funds are limited and asked individuals to be patient as it is not uncommon to be on the list for 3 years. Councilor Glenn thanked Ms. Zion and asked that she give feedback during the Council meeting so the public is aware of what is available and what programs are out of funds. (A copy of the City of Lima Housing Program Descriptions can be found in the office of the Clerk of Council).

ADJOURNMENT

Glenn moved, seconded by Neeper, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jones, Chair

