

**CDBG 2017 Action Plan  
Comment Summary of Jan 25 – Feb 24, 2017**

**Collection and Summary of Public Comments**

The City’s Community Development Division held its 30-day public comment period from 1/25/17 to 2/24/17. This was advertised through the newspaper, city communications, and through the Division’s community listserve. Residents were invited to submit comments via phone, email, mail, or in person at the Jan. 30 public hearing. The only comments received were at the public hearing.

**Public Hearing**

**Council Chambers, City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Ave**

**January 30, 2017 5:30-7:00pm**

The City held a public hearing to review the highlights of the Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan and to hear questions and comments from the public. Attendees were able to ask questions throughout the presentation, at the end, and also submit written comments if they wished on comment cards provided.

Speaker	Comment summary
Shayne McDonald Director, My Brother’s Keeper	There needs to be more funding for recovery housing. The City is doing good work getting people off the streets, but needs to do a better job at keeping them off the streets. Addressing addiction issues would help.  Provided anecdotal evidence of having to turn down people needing room at his sober living shelter and quantitative backup in writing about national and statewide shortages of housing solutions for homeless people battling substance abuse.
Michael Royal Family Promise	Hope Homes program needs more steam for awareness and fundraising.  IHN needs: partner to acquire new units, funds for a program manager to lead fundraising efforts and create new partnerships, fund a community center or public facility to complement IHN housing units.  Inquired about eligibility of modular homes. Housing production is not catching up with need anytime soon – IHN is trying to problem solve by creating their own.
Longino Gonzales El Paso County Commissioner	The south and southeastern parts of the CoS are too often overlooked or ignored. The city needs to spend more block grant dollars in the SE as well as look as redevelopment of the S. Academy corridor.  We need more affordable housing.

