Legislative Committee Update

April 20, 2022

In attendance: Phil Downing, Dale Hartle, Ken Lengieza, Patricia Richards, Stephen Torsell, and Max Upton.

Updates on legislation: Congress is on recess until April 25th. Discussion will resume on the following:

CRA Rule making: All three entities FDIC, Office of the Controller of the Currency, and the Federal Reserve have developed and revised the current proposed changes. Nothing can be done however until congress approves the membership of the Federal Reserve Board (Biden appointees). Until then no actions can take place.

Some potential areas of change include including smaller banks and financial institutions under CRA requirements. Rating reforms for CRA reviews. Currently 97% pass.

Budget proposal: White house budget has been released.

Build Back Better: Still trying for passage. Some further reduction is seen. Likely to be delayed until after the midterm elections.

Discussion points: After discussion of several items, some of which are mentioned below, the committee came to the conclusion that we need to look at ways to reach newly elected officials and educate them about OCCD and community development in general, and specific legislating platform planks we are advocating. We discussed means of doing this including perhaps holding a reception after hours during the legislative session.

Areas of general discussion.

Continuing Appropriation for funding Demolition/Site Clean Up.

NHIA "Like" Program to address "gap"  issues associated with affordable housing development

Child Tax Credit

ORC changes relative to Chief Building Officials. There is a noticeable lack of qualified building officials.

Explore potential of having and OCCD representative or organizational contacts with organizations representing the county township trustees or county commissioners association.

Technical assistance from the state in environmental review training support.

Holding OCCD legislative reception-requires planning and "pre-game" instruction with OCCD members and the talking points to stress to the elected .

Coordinate with other state-wide non profit organizations with overlapping areas of mission.