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Meet Anthony J. Barrette: Enhancing Our Team's Commitment to Community

In this edition of our November Newsletter, we are thrilled to introduce you to the newest addition to the City of Minot team, Anthony J. Barrette, who joins us as the Grant Project Compliance Officer. Anthony's role is pivotal in ensuring that all processes within the CDBG-DR/NDR projects adhere to local and federal requirements.

Answering the Call to Serve

Anthony's journey to Minot is as inspiring as his new role itself. Anthony was born and raised in the Riverside community of Southern California. He was attending Riverside Community College when the September 11th tragedy occurred. Inspired to join the military and serve his country, Anthony lost 65lbs and was able to join the Air Force on July 22, 2003. Anthony served as an Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) Specialist in England, Germany, Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, U.A.E., and Qatar. According to the Air Force website, a SERE Specialist is the only Department of Defense specialty which is specifically trained, equipped, organized, and employed to conduct SERE operations for the duration of their career. Impressive!

"Only the Best Come North"

Anthony was stationed in Minot in February 2013, arriving in between two snowstorms. According to Anthony, "I was nervous at first due to the negative rumors about Minot that permeate the military ranks, but soon grew to enjoy the area." After serving for more than 20 years, Anthony retired from the Air Force on August 1st, 2023. With

10 years of living in the Minot community and setting down roots in the area, the decision to stay in town was an easy one: His two children, his wife Nichole, and they own and operate The Drop Zone Bar and Night Club.

Building a Promising Future Together

With his time at MAFB behind him, Anthony was on a mission to continue his service to the community in any way possible. This led him to pursue the position with the City of Minot, where he now plays a vital part in ensuring the Minot community receives the best assistance the city can provide. Although Anthony has just embarked on his tenure within city government, he is impressed by the exceptional track record of the CDBG-DR/NDR team. He is enthusiastic about contributing to our team's future success, a testament to his dedication and belief in our collective mission.

A Welcoming and Motivated Team

Anthony speaks highly of our team's welcoming nature, friendly demeanor, and willingness to help. For him, working with skilled, highly motivated individuals with an unwavering commitment to the local community makes our workplace truly outstanding. What sets our team apart from others in the industry, according to Anthony, is its deep-rooted connection to the community. Many team members have lived in Minot for most of their lives. They weathered the challenges of the flood together and hold a strong vested interest not only in rebuilding the city but also in its continued growth and prosperity.



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Grant Project Compliance Officer

Aspiring to Serve

Anthony's professional aspirations align well with our team's mission. He hopes to continue providing valuable service to his community, both in the city and someday even at the state level. He sees this journey as the ideal steppingstone to achieving his dreams. With Anthony's arrival, we are more confident than ever in our team's ability to make a positive impact on the community. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Anthony, as he contributes his passion, expertise, and unwavering dedication to our cause.

We look forward to the amazing things we will achieve together in the future!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 229 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 138 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- Demolition activities for the year have been completed. Initially, work was slated to demolish five (5) acquired properties, but only three (3) properties were demolished. The remaining two (2) properties have structures which are slated for relocation which will be done in the next year. Auction and salvage of acquired properties continues. Overall, the City has demolished 163 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- All apartments have been rehabilitated at Milton Young Towers (MYT); Minot Housing Authority (MHA) continues to backfill vacant apartments. Renovations of first floor common areas are almost complete. There are funds remaining in the project that MHA will use to renovate public restrooms on the first floor, as well as install energy-efficient ceiling tiles on the 15th floor.
- Construction of the Broadway Circle 17-unit affordable housing complex continues; the elevator shaft has been poured.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Construction of the Broadway Circle 6-unit Family Homeless Shelter continues; the roof is being installed so that construction can continue during the winter. Construction is almost complete on the remodel of the multi-purpose commercial building, which will accommodate the community kitchen and food pantry.

City Hall

- Operations are well underway at the new City Hall location; the City anticipates receiving the final payment request from the contractor before the end of the year.

Center for Technical Education

- Progress continues on the construction of the CTE; recently, a temporary heating system was installed which will allow for temperature-sensitive work to proceed.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions / Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$21,085,968
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,077,658

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$27,466,685
- b. Spent to Date - \$24,925,776

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,296,429
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,179,365

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,512,797
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,807,875

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,375,886

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$7,515,279

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,597,290

Completed Projects

- Park South Phases I & II
- Blu on Broadway
- Souris Heights
- Resilient Homebuyer Program
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Affordable Housing Neighborhood Master Plan
- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study