

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (HCDC)

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AT 5:45 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Tom, Commissioners Dorvilias, Ellak, Norimoto Saelee
MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Darrow, Commissioner Mace
CITY STAFF: W. Chen (Housing), Corsiglia (Housing), J. Morales-Ferrand (Housing), L. (Housing), D. Murillo (Housing), S. Murillo (Housing), S. Jain (Vice Mayor Nguyen Commission Liaison).
GUESTS: Cheryl Washington, Fawn Reed, Michele Schroeder, Karen Schwindt, Terrie Villegas, Peggy Edge, Diane Kilcrease, Connie Langford, Stephen Schroll, Karen Goodman, Georgia Bacil, Richard Konda, Yolanda Ungo, Trang Vau, Dimple Gupta, Birku Melese, Connie Klink, Janelle Balanga, Angelica Cortez, Luke Kunh, Paul Hepfer, Wanda Hale, Imelda Rodriguez, Toni Filice, Devin McAlpine, Maria Fuentes, Lillian Chou, Lori Andersen, Terry Christensen, Esther Guenmiur, Tony May, Lien Nguyen, Bev Jackson, Frances Casonars, Vicente Rico, Viola Gonzalez, Robert Lattimore, Salvador Rosales, Vicky Machado, Ghesline Barnes, Adriana Caldera, Yamik Santos, Beatrice Lopez, Paul Kleinbeck, Jeff Bornefeld, Dr. Gary Steinke, Lui Lui Chao, Anny Andonian, Becky Perry, Flo Smith, Wanda Hale, Bob Langley, Sandy Louie, Salvador Gonzalez, Oscar Sierra, Jamile Santos, Rita Torres, Tony May.
LOCATION: 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing Room 118, San José, CA 95113

***Digital Recording of the meeting can be obtained from the
City of San Jose Housing Department***

AGENDA ITEM

(a) Call to Order/Orders of the Day

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m.

(b) Introductions

Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

(c) Announcements

No announcements were made.

(d) Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and Possible Recommendation

Commissioner Saelee recused herself from this item.

The City's Housing Department staff presented the proposed CDBG uses for the FY 2012-14 funding cycle, including: administration and fair housing; Section 108 debt service; public service; and community development. Staff also provided context regarding budget impacts across all levels of

government, including cuts to federal grant programs, the potential elimination of redevelopment agencies in California, and staff reductions in the City of San Jose.

Public comments were heard following the staff presentation. Several speakers recognized the difficult budget constraints and choices that needed to be made. Collectively, the public noted five primary areas for which the City should continue providing funding in spite of budget challenges: senior services, low-income housing, legal assistance, microlending, and a place-based priority for Spartan Keyes.

After public comments were heard, the Commission asked several questions, including:

- Are there alternative sources to pay the Section 108 debt? Staff responded that the CDBG is the backstop for the debt service. The only other potential source is the City's General Fund.
- How were the place-based neighborhoods chosen? Staff responded that they were chosen based on a variety of factors that qualified them as "tipping point" neighborhoods that were on the verge of stabilization.

The Commission also provided general remarks that there are no good choices anymore, that larger grants will facilitate grants administration, and that there should be a strategy for seniors. The Commission thanked the community as well as staff for their collective work and concern regarding these important issues.

Due to Commissioner Saelee's recusal from this item, the Commission did not make a recommendation.

(e) Confirmation of Commissioner Appointment to the Housing Investment Plan Task Force

Commissioner Saelee returned for this item.

Staff reviewed the Department's Housing Investment Plan process and indicated that a seat on the Plan's Task Force was reserved for a Housing Commissioner.

Commissioner Norimoto made the motion to select Chair Darrow to the task force, with a second by Commissioner Ellak. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ellak made the motion to select Commissioner Norimoto as an alternate seat to the task force, with a second by Commissioner Dorvilias. The motion passed 5-0.

Staff indicated that up to four Housing Commissioners in total – composed of one task force seat and up to three Commissioners as general attendance – may attend each task force meeting.

(f) Open Forum

Staff commends the Commission for doing a good job with providing guidance regarding CDBG. Staff also announced that Sandra Murillo from the Housing Department will be retiring at the end of December 2011 and Daniel Murillo will be assuming her responsibilities.

(o) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.