

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (HCDC)

SYNOPSIS OF MEETING AT 5:45 PM

April 9, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mace, Commissioners Cantore, Contreras, Jabaut, Munoz, and Tom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Norimoto (unexcused), Commissioner Darrow (unexcused)

CITY STAFF: W. Chen (Housing), M. De Castro (City Attorney's Office), K. Lee (Councilmember Nguyen's Office), R. Lopez (Housing), J. Morales-Ferrand (Housing), D. Murillo (Housing), S. Murillo (Housing), J. Nusbaum (Planning), J. Scheiner (Housing)

GUESTS: D. Castillo (Fair Housing Law Project), S. Wachter (Affordable Housing Network)

LOCATION: 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Wing, Room 118-119, 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 6:09 p.m.

(b) Introductions

Commissioners, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

(c) Announcements

Mr. Lopez announced that the Housing & Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDC) retreat would be held on Saturday, April 18 at noon at Roosevelt Community Center.

Mr. Lopez also announced that the City Clerk's office is holding a recognition event for boards and commissions on April 14 at 5:30pm in the City Hall rotunda.

(d) Approval of Action Minutes for March 12, 2008

Commissioner Cantore made the motion to direct staff to change Item (d) to read "over \$100,000" and to approve the action minutes for March 12, 2009 with a second by Commissioner Munoz. The motion passed 6-0.

(e) Approval of 2009-2010 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (M. Whatley, Housing Department)

Ms. Whatley explained the purpose of the 2009-2010 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

Chair Mace opened the item to public comment.

Diana Castillo, Fair Housing Law Project – Ms. Castillo read a letter from the Fair Housing Law Project in which the organization would suggest that the plan reflect recent changes in fair housing laws and to add the issues of fair housing and women, discrimination against in-home daycare, and using dispersion as a means to end segregation.

Al Munoz, Commissioner – Commissioner Munoz commented that the City should continue to address domestic violence issues and that more money should be allocated to those programs.

Saul Wachter, Affordable Housing Network – Mr. Wachter commented that the City should purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed homes to expand the affordable housing stock. Mr. Wachter also suggested that the dispersion policy should be updated because of large disparities in the population.

Commissioner Contreras made the motion to approve the 2009-2010 Consolidated Annual Action Plan with a second by Commissioner Munoz. The motion passed 6-0.

(f) Public Hearing and Comment on the 2007-2014 Housing Element (W. Chen, Housing Department & J. Nusbaum, Planning Department)

Mr. Chen and Ms. Nusbaum gave a presentation on the 2007-2014 Housing Element to the Commission.

Chair Mace opened the item for public comment.

Mr. Wachter commented that there is a statistical discrepancy in counting the number of people in need of affordable housing. Ms. Nusbaum responded that while there is an unmet need of people needing affordable housing, the fundamental issue is focused on other jurisdictions doing their “fair share” and providing affordable housing as well.

Commissioner Cantore asked if staff could provide additional information on the formula used to calculate the different types of housing needed in San Jose.

Chair Mace suggested that staff add information to the report discussing the unmet needs because of the disparity in numbers and that the City would like to see other jurisdictions fulfill their “fair share” of affordable housing.

Commissioner Contreras asked if in the future, staff could consistently measure or quantify the unmet need of those needing affordable housing..

(g) Update on the 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Appeals Process (D. Murillo, Housing Department)

Mr. Murillo stated that CDBG has received six appeals.

(h) Update on ForeclosureHelp (S. Murillo, Housing Department)

Ms. Murillo updated the Commission on ForeclosureHelp activities that include the City Council Study Session, foreclosure fair, and foreclosure assistance center.

(i) Update on Housing and Economic Recovery Act (S. Murillo, Housing Department)

Ms. Murillo gave an update on the status of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act and stimulus funding.

(j) Update on Citywide Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (J. Morales-Ferrand, Housing Department)

Ms. Morales-Ferrand stated that the inclusionary draft ordinance is still in development.

(k) Standing Reports

(1) Chair's Report – no report

(2) Director's Report – no report

(3) City Council Meeting Report for December 16 – February 10 (Chair Mace) – no report

(4) Ad-Hoc Committees

(a) CDBG Ad-Hoc Committee – no report

(b) Extremely-low Income & Inclusionary Zoning Ad-Hoc Committee – no report

(l) Future Agenda Items

It was suggested that the Commission should discuss the dispersion policy.

It was also suggested that the Commission discuss emancipated foster care.

(i) Open Forum

No public comment.

(m) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.