

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (HCDC)

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL MEETING AT 5:45 PM

April 22, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mace, Commissioners Cantore, Darrow, Munoz, and Tom
MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Norimoto (excused), Commissioner Contreras (unexcused), Commissioner Jabaut (unexcused)
CITY STAFF: A. Drummond (Councilmember Kalra's Office), M. DeCastro (City Attorney's Office), R. Lopez (Housing), D. Murillo (Housing), S. Murillo (Housing), J. Scheiner (Housing), M. Whatley (Housing)
GUESTS: D. Castillo (Fair Housing Law Project), Neil C. (Conservation Corp), Consuelo C. (Health Trust), S. Wachter (Affordable Housing Network)
LOCATION: 200 E. Santa Clara Street, Tower, 12th floor, Room 1254, 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 6:05 p.m.

(b) Introductions

Commissioners, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

(c) Announcements

No announcements.

(d) Public Hearing and Approval of Substantial Amendments to the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan – Annual Action Plan Related to Federal Stimulus Funding (J. Scheiner & S. Murillo, Housing Department)

Ms. Scheiner and Ms. Murillo both gave short summaries on the amendments to the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan – Annual Action Plan,

Chair Mace opened the item to public comment.

Kathleen Krenek, Next Door Solutions – Ms. Krenek suggested that the stimulus funding should be used to help rehire laid off staff. She also suggested that 15% of the CDBG funding should be set-aside for service projects.

Neil C., Conservation Corp. – Mr. Cazumu stated that if there is an opportunity for funding green job training that his agency would be ideal for that type of funding.

Saul Wachter, Affordable Housing Network – Mr. Wachter commented that funding should be used to purchase properties to add to the affordable housing stock, which should be made available to low income families. He also suggested that these properties have affordability restrictions applied.

Consuelo C., The Health Trust – Ms. Collard commented that the City use 15% of incoming CDBG funds for public service projects and encourage funding of public service programs that are not necessarily new to the community, but new to the CDBG program.

Commissioner Darrow made the motion to approve the proposed amendments to the 2008-2009 Consolidated Plan – Annual Action Plan, with the recommendation that the Housing Department explore expanding income requirements for NSP funding from very-low income to extremely-low income and, if possible, to set aside 15% of incoming CDBG funds for public service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz. The motion passed 5-0.

(e) Future Agenda Items

None

(l) Open Forum

No public comment.

(m) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.