

MINUTES

City of Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Community Development Meeting Room
630 Garden Street

(7:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL:

Scott Armstrong	<u> E </u>	Louise Stone	<u> X </u>
Lorraine Cruz-Carpenter	<u> X </u>	Ella Surman	<u> X </u>
Bonnie Elliott	<u> X </u>	Josephine Tapia	<u> A </u>
Karena Jew, Vice Chair	<u> X </u>	Catherine Woodford	<u> X </u>
James Kyriaco, Jr.	<u> E </u>	Lucinda Young, Chair	<u> X </u>
Tom Regalado	<u> E </u>		

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006 MEETING

The minutes of February 28, 2006 were approved as submitted (M-Woodford/S-Stone).

3. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE TO CDHSC

Staff passed around a letter from Santa Barbara Family Care Center thanking them for their funding recommendation.

4. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2006/2007 CDBG & HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

City Council approved the CDHSC Funding Recommendations for FY 2006/2007 CDBG and Human Services funding. There were many positive comments regarding the CDHSC funding process during the public hearing.

5. CITY TARGET AREA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

George Estrella, Browning Allen, Heather Diez, Antonio Velasquez and Santos Escobar presented a PowerPoint presentation update on the City Target Area Neighborhood Improvement Program. There has been tremendous progress in addressing issues in the targeted neighborhoods and the CDBG funds have supported ten projects to date.

6. HUD ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN TIMELINE AND UPDATE

Staff reported that the public comment period on the HUD Action Plan ends on May 9th and the plan is due on May 15, 2006.

7. SCHEDULE FOR HUMAN SERVICES AND CDBG CONTRACTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Staff will be preparing the CDBG/Human Services contracts in May, as well as completing environmental reviews on all CDBG funded projects.

8. ANNUAL RENTAL HOUSING SURVEY

Steven Faulstich, Housing Programs Supervisor, presented the Annual Rental Housing Survey. He reported that the number of rental listings for apartments is substantially lower than last year. Historically, this has indicated a stabilization or decrease in rents. Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment increased only slightly this past year (from \$1,525 to \$1,550).

9. CDHSC VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

Staff reported that there are three vacancies on the CDHSC, Business/Economic Development, Housing and Eastside (Dorothy Littlejohn recently resigned). Applications are due May 26th. Committee members were encouraged to refer any potential members.

10. NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND CDBG FUNDING UPDATE

Cindy reported on the National Community Development Week activities, including a proclamation by City Council. Staff reported that the Federal Administration has proposed a 25% reduction in CDBG funding for FY 2007-08. A bipartisan effort has been undertaken to defeat this proposal.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Staff reported that Conflict Solutions has undergone a Board of Director change and confirmed that they will be using their current year allocation of Human Services funds.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.