

MEETING MINUTES

City of Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Community Development Meeting Room
630 Garden Street

(7:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL:

Barbara Allen	<u> X </u>	Tom Regalado	<u> X </u>
Bonnie Elliott	<u> X </u>	Ella Surman	<u> X </u>
Karena Jew, Chair	<u> X </u>	Josephine Tapia	<u> X </u>
Laura Knight	<u> E </u>	Catherine Woodford	<u> E </u>
James Kyriaco, Jr., Vice Chair	<u> X </u>		

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2007 MEETING

The minutes of February 27, 2007 were approved as submitted. (M-Kyriaco/S-Allen)

3. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE TO CDHSC

A letter from Coastal Housing was distributed to the committee.

4. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2007/2008 CDBG & HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

Staff reported that the City Council approved the CDHSC Funding Recommendations for FY 2007/2008 CDBG and Human Services funding. There were many positive comments regarding the CDHSC funding process during the public hearing.

5. HUD ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN TIMELINE AND UPDATE

Staff reported that the HUD Action Plan has been submitted.

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

Staff reported that the Human Services and CDBG contracts were distributed during an orientation workshop on May 17 and will be due back June 5, 2007. Staff also reported that the environmental reviews for FY 2007-2008 projects will be completed soon.

7. ANNUAL RENTAL HOUSING SURVEY

Staff distributed the results of the Rental Housing Survey. The report shows that rents have increased over the past six years: Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment increased from \$1,600 in 2001 to \$1,800 in 2007. The number of rental listings for apartments is similar to last year, but substantially lower than in 2005. The report also found that large rent increases occur when inventory is low.

8. CDHSC VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

Staff reported that the Committee currently has four vacancies: Downtown Neighborhood, Eastside Community, Westside Community and Senior Representative. Staff is currently

recruiting for individuals that can fill those slots. Committee members were encouraged to refer any potential members. Applications are due by June 1.

9. REVIEW FUNDING APPLICATION AND PROCESS OF FY 2007/2008

Committee members discussed the FY 2007-2008 Application Process. The committee continued the discussion to the next meeting to give all committee members an opportunity to review and discuss the application process as a group. Committee members were asked to come to the meeting with examples of changes they would like to make.

10. NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND CDBG FUNDING UPDATE

Staff 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 2008-09.

11. HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING REQUEST

Karena reported that she and James attending the Finance Committee meeting on May 15th regarding the CDHSC's request for a 15% increase in Human Services Funds for FY 2008-2009. A 3% increase is already reflected in the budget so the request under consideration by the Finance Committee is for an additional 12%. The Finance Committee will make recommendations at their June 5th meeting.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES ON HUMAN SERVICES, CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

There were no administrative issues to report.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Karena asked that the committee have a discussion about youth's needs in light of recent violence and whether the City's funding priorities should be adjusted to meet those needs.

Barbara asked that the committee discuss moving its regular meeting time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.