

MEETING MINUTES

City of Santa Barbara
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Community Development Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
(7:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL:

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

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Heroux spoke about the 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and asked the committee to support it.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2007 MEETING

Approval of the minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

4. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE TO CDHSC

The committee reviewed letters from Domestic Violence Solutions, Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, The SART Coalition, and Willbridge.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON HUD CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FY 2006-2007

A public hearing was held on the HUD Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for FY 2006-2007. Staff highlighted the year's major accomplishments including the expenditures of \$1.7 million in CDBG funds and \$1.3 million in HOME funds to upgrade affordable housing stock, provide Sect. 8 Rental Vouchers, complete a 61-unit permanent housing development, respond to 2,323 Rental Housing Mediation Task Force service requests, serve the homeless and persons with special needs by funding 21 social service agencies, complete five Neighborhood Improvement projects, and support economic development programs. A total of \$39.7 million on federal and non-federal funds were expended for fiscal year 2006-2007. During public comment Roger Heroux commended the City for its leadership in addressing homelessness issues and the broad array of projects the City funded.

6. PUBLIC HEARING SEEKING INPUT ON 2008-2009 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PLAN

A public hearing was held seeking input on the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Consolidated Annual Plan. The HUD priorities were kept as follows: 1. Proposals that maintain and upgrade existing low-income affordable housing stock; 2. Proposals that develop and promote the creation of new affordable housing; 3. Proposals that promote and provide services that prevent discrimination and eliminate barriers to housing; 4. Proposals the support homeless and non-homeless persons with special needs; 5. Proposals that strengthen or expand public or social service agencies which facilitate low and moderate-income housing and other Community Development needs; and 6. Economic Development proposals which leverage financial resources to create or retain jobs for low and moderate-income persons.

7. **YEAR END REPORTS ON CDBG AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNDED AGENCIES FY 2006/07**
Staff handed out and reviewed the FY 2006-07 Year End Reports on CDBG and Human Services funded agencies.
8. **APPROVE CDBG/HUMAN SERVICES PROPOSED APPLICATION CHANGES**
The committee reviewed the draft application form and made final revisions.
9. **LIVING WAGE INCENTIVE ANALYSIS FROM FY 2007-08 FUNDING CYCLE**
Staff gave a report on the Living Wage Incentive program that was instituted for the 2007-08 CDBG/Human Services funding cycle. 73% of the applicants received the extra bonus point for paying all staff, for which Human Services Funds were requested, the Living Wage. Staff felt that it was hard to determine whether the bonus point was an incentive after only one year and reported that an analysis will be completed after it has been in place for two years.
10. **APPROVE CHANGE OF CDHSC MEETING START TIME FROM 7 P.M. TO 6 P.M.**
Approval of the time change was tabled to the next meeting.
11. **DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY**
Staff distributed a copy of a recent City Council Resolution to adopt the National League of Cities' Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth. The committee also discussed recent youth violence and Karena Jew will draft a letter of support to urge Council to look at youth violence in a comprehensive manner. The committee will discuss this letter at the next meeting.
12. **UPDATE ON SART PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**
Bonnie Elliot gave an update on recent efforts by the SART program to increase accessibility. Staff also distributed a memo from SB Rape Crisis Center Executive Director Elsa Granados detailing its efforts.
13. **CDHSC VACANCIES AND INCUMBENTS WHOSE TERM ENDS 12-31-07**
Staff reported on upcoming CDHSC vacancies, including Youth Oriented and Eastside Neighborhood. The Eastside seat is currently filled and the incumbent is eligible to reapply. The Youth Oriented member has termed out and is not eligible to reapply. The Committee also has vacancies in the following categories: Westside Neighborhood, Downtown Neighborhood, Senior Community and Latino Community. Applications are due on November 1st and appointments will be made in December. Committee members were asked to invite potential candidates to apply.
14. **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES ON CDBG, HUMAN SERVICES AND HOME PROGRAMS**
Staff gave the committee a calendar with meeting dates for 2007-2008.
15. **NEW BUSINESS**
Staff announced that Tom Regalado has resigned from his post as the Latino Representative on the committee because he has moved out of town.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.