

MEETING MINUTES

City of Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Community Development Meeting Room
630 Garden Street

(6:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL:

Barbara Allen	<u>X</u>	Veronica Loza	<u>E</u>
Bonnie Elliott	<u>X</u>	Alice O'Connor	<u>X</u>
Michael Getto	<u>X</u>	Ella Surman	<u>X</u>
Karena Jew	<u>X</u>	Josephine Tapia	<u>X</u>
Laura Knight	<u>X</u>	Josephine Torres	<u>X</u>
James Kyriaco, Vice Chair	<u>X</u>	Catherine Woodford, Chair	<u>X</u>

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jose Yungco, Jennifer Roth and Andrea Leith, students from UCLA Master's in Public Health program, introduced themselves to the committee. They were in attendance to learn about and observe a government body in action.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2008 MEETING

The Minutes of the February 26, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. (M- Getto, S-Torres)

3. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE TO CDHSC

A thank you letter from Community Action Commission and an invitation to attend a training session for City Advisory Committees were distributed to the committee.

4. CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2008/2009 CDBG & HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

Staff reported that the City Council approved the CDHSC Funding Recommendations for FY 2008/2009 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 draft HUD Action Plan is currently available for public review and the final document will be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2008.

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

Staff reported that the Human Services and CDBG contracts are currently being prepared for distribution in mid-May. Orientation workshops for grantees will be provided May 13 and 14. Staff also reported that the environmental reviews for FY 2008-2009 projects are also currently being conducted.

7. ANNUAL RENTAL HOUSING SURVEY

Staff distributed the draft results of the 2008 Rental Housing Survey. This year ads from the NewsPress, Independent and Craigslist were included in the survey.

8. CDHSC VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

Staff reported that the Committee currently has two vacancies; Latino Community Representative and Youth 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 May 19th.

9. NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND CDBG FUNDING UPDATE

Staff announced that National Community Development Week was March 24-30. The Administration has proposed a 19% reduction to CDBG funds for Fiscal Year 2009-10. A campaign is underway asking for \$4.1 billion; this amount is close to the 2001-02 funding level.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES ON HUMAN SERVICES, CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM

Staff changes at two funded agencies were announced: Anna Kokotovic is retiring from CALM and they have hired Cecilia Rodriguez as the new Executive Director. Erik Talkin of the Community Kitchen is now the new Executive Director of the Foodbank. Staff also gave a brief update on a hearing at the County Board of Supervisors regarding the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health department budget and how funding cuts could possibly affect programs funded by the City. Information is available at <http://www.savementalhealth.org>.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.