

MEETING MINUTES

City of Santa Barbara

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Community Development Meeting Room

630 Garden Street

(6:00 p.m.)

1. ROLL CALL:

Barbara Allen	<u>E</u>	Veronica Loza	<u>A</u>
Bonnie Elliott	<u>X</u>	Alice O'Connor	<u>X</u>
Michael Getto	<u>X</u>	Ella Surman	<u>A</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>E</u>	Catherine Woodford, Chair	<u>X</u>

X = Present A = Absent E = Excused

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. ACTION ITEM: APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 MEETING

The minutes of September 23, 2008 were approved as submitted. (M-Torres/S-O'Connor, Abstain Elliot)

4. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE TO CDHSC

There was no correspondence.

5. REVIEW CDBG AND HUMAN SERVICES 2009/2010 FUNDING APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Staff handed out the CDBG and Human Services funding schedule and asked all committee members to make sure to get the interview dates on their calendars.

6. HUMAN SERVICES AND CDBG SITE VISIT SCHEDULES FOR CDHSC MEMBERS

Staff handed out the Site Visit groups and asked the committee members' availability in order to schedule the site visits.

7. CDHSC VACANCY SCHEDULE – FY 2009 RECRUITMENT

Staff reported that there are six current and upcoming vacancies: Housing Authority, Disabled Community, Youth Services, Downtown and Lower Westside neighborhoods, and Latino Community. Current members whose terms are set to expire and are eligible to reapply were reminded to submit their application form. Staff also reported that there may be four new possible seats that will be filled.

8. CDBG FUNDING ESTIMATE

Staff reported that level funding is estimated for FY 09-10. However staff has received no word from HUD.

9. HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING FOR FY 2010

Staff reported that the City Council made a commitment of level funding for FY 2010 in Human Services funds. The committee voted to ask Council for a 3% increase in Human Services funds during the FY 2010-11 budget hearings. The CDHSC Chair and Vice-Chair will make the request on the Committee's behalf. (M-O'Connor/S-Getto)

10. ACTION ITEM: AMENDMENT OF FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY'S 211 CONTRACT

The Committee approved FSA's request for an amendment of their 211 contract as presented during the October 28 meeting. (M-O'Connor/S-Tapia)

11. OVERVIEW OF CDBG CAPITAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

This item was postponed to the November meeting.

12. REPORT ON COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETINGS

Staff gave on a report on the subcommittee. In June, the Santa Barbara City Council established the subcommittee and appointed Councilmembers Iya Falcone, Helene Schneider and Dale Fransisco to study issues related to homeless services and its neighborhood impacts. The subcommittee has held several public meetings to discuss the issues with members of the community since August. At the end of the process, the subcommittee will make recommendations, with input from the community, to the full Council on strategies to address the identified issues. The issues are: 1) Need for increased coordination between City Police and homeless street outreach staff; 2) Consider establishing a Recovery Zone or Alcohol Impact Zone in the Lower Milpas Street area; 3) Work with the courts, District Attorney and County Probation to find alternatives to curb negative behavior and get people into recovery; 4) Aggressive panhandling, primarily in the Downtown area; and 5) Utilization of existing shelter services to more effectively assist the most vulnerable homeless persons.

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

Megan Riker-Rheinschild and Diana Holsey from the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) requested to change the contract with the City for use Human Services grant funds. SART's original request had been to fund the SART coordinator position, however since other funds have been secured for that position, SART has proposed to use the Human Services funds to contract with CALM to provide a trained forensic interviewer to work with child victims or persons with disabilities. The committee will put this item on their November meeting agenda.

14. ACTION ITEM: SELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

The committee appointed committee members Mike Getto, Josephine Torres, and Laura Knight to a selection subcommittee. This subcommittee will make its recommendation at the November meeting.

15. ACTION ITEM: RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL THE NOVEMBER AND/OR DECEMBER 2008 CDHSC MEETINGS

The committee voted to cancel the December meeting. (M-Jew/S-O'Connor)

16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.