



City of Santa Barbara
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2017

6:00 P.M.
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

BOARD MEMBERS:

Steven Faulstich, *Chair*
Doedy Orchowski, *Vice Chair*
Ken Gates
Charlotte Gullap-Moore
Alejandra Gutierrez
Tonie Hood
Veronica Loza
Joanna Romo
Ashley Salvador

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Jason Dominguez

STAFF:

Deirdre Randolph, Community Development Programs
Supervisor
Liz Stotts, Community Development Programs Specialist

ATTENDANCE

Committee members present: Faulstich, Orchowski, Gullap- Moore; Gutierrez, Loza, Romo, and Salvador

Committee members absent: Gates and Hood

Staff present: Stotts

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

2. Approval of the minutes of the **February 28, 2017** meeting.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Motion by Loza, seconded by Romo. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS/CDHSC DISCUSSION:

1. **COUNCIL ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff to provide update on the City Council Public Hearing on the Committee's funding recommendations for FY 2017-18 held on March 28, 2017.

Staff provided update – the Committee's recommendations were approved as submitted.

2. **CDBG FUNDING STATUS**

Staff to update the committee on the status of CDBG funding at the national level and efforts to maintain funding.

Staff provided update – CDBG approved at level funding nationwide for FY 17, the City's specific allocation is still unknown. CDBG targeted for elimination for FY 2018 - a national effort is

underway to preserve the program. The City held an event to support CDBG that was well attended.

3. REVIEW FY 2017-18 FUNDING CYCLE

Discuss the recently-completed funding cycle and provide feedback to staff on any issues that may be modified for future funding cycles.

The Committee made the following suggestions to consider:

- *Not require the Agency Budget of fiscal agents*
- *Speak to applicants about the number of applications that were submitted with incomplete information*
- *Require applications to provide more information on the use of grant funds, e.g. role of employee, number of employees, relevance of position to program outcomes*
- *Restructure deliberation meeting so they are more effective.*

4. LIVING WAGE RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the impact of the City's Living Wage requirements to non-profit applicants of CDBG/HS grant funds.

The Committee discussed the following points to relay to the Living Wage Committee: The CDBG/HS grant program incentivizes paying the City's living wage – applicant wages are considered in rating criteria, plus a bonus point is awarded to applicant's score. The majority of applicants already pay the City's living wage - 79%. The remainder do not use grant funds for salaries, but rather for program supplies and food. Only one applicant partially meets the requirements. Making requirement mandatory would hurt new or struggling applicants. The Committee is opposed to making living wage mandatory and asked staff to relay this information to the Living Wage Advisory Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Administrative issues regarding the Human Services and CDBG programs.

Board & Commissions meeting invitation – staff will follow up and send information to committee.

2. Review correspondence to CDHSC.

There was none.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATION

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: June 27, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.