



**Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

1 South Van Ness Ave., 2nd Floor – Atrium

5:00 pm

MINUTES

1. **Committee Members Present** – Patrina Hall, Clinton Loftman, Miquel Penn, Marc Vogel
City Staff- Brian Cheu, Vanessa Dandridge, Stephen Ford, John Harris, Bruce Ito, Doris Lee, Patty Medina, Hugo Ramirez, Julia Sabory, Amabel Simonelli, Pierre Stroud

2. **Public Comment**
 - Sharon Miller, Marcus Tart, Alfredo Andrade, Anietie E. (Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center in the Bayview): Marcus Tart thanked the Committee for ongoing support. Renaissance sees lots of success and encounters lots of learning as its works to create a more level playing field to help small and microbusinesses compete. Andrade testified as to how Renaissance helped him navigate the City's contractor pool, particularly with the Department of Public Works (he wished he had found this support sooner.) Very grateful that he just secured a contract with the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency.
 - Abigail Headrick (Hospitality House): Gave thanks for two grants: ESG funding for small and intimate shelter and CDBG funds for employment program that assists clients in obtaining work permits and case management for homeless and marginally housed. Also advocated for tax incentives for local employers.
 - Laura Daza and Theresa Imperial (Veterans Equity Center): Daza gave thanks for support and shared that the funded program serves more than 1,000 clients and submitted more than 300 Below Market Rate (BMR) applications in six months. More than 60 percent of these clients are seniors, persons with disabilities, and/or extremely or very low income. Imperial shared that VEC participated in the development of the DAHLIA (Housing Portal), particularly around access to affordable rental opportunities. She encouraged the City to think about how to provide support to those who are not "digitally connected" (computers, smart phones, etc.) She gave thanks for the support and emphasized that there is still a big need. She suggested providing more rental subsidies to serve this population.
 - Sharon Miller and Shilphi Chhotray (founder of Samudra Skin & Sea) (Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center in SoMa): Self-employment is part of the solution to economic self-sufficiency and is a way to transform lives. The women-focused program assisted Chhotray in founding her business of organic seaweed skin care. Chhotray had been working in nonprofit advocacy before founding her business and promoting ocean conservation and women overseas. The Renaissance program subsidized her classes and

helped teach her to save money and connected her to a group of support. Miller: Program also finds ways to help entrepreneurs access procurement opportunities for smaller businesses.

- Tyler MacMillan (San Francisco Community Land Trust): The Land Trust's portfolio has grown significantly from 5 buildings to 11 buildings (now totaling 100 units), and is committed to improving their homeownership outreach strategies.

3. Public Comment concluded at 5:40 pm

4. Discussion and Possible Action for Final Approval of Funding Recommendations.

Committee member Vogl motioned to approve and Committee member Penn seconded.

5. Adjournment