



CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Citizen's Committee on Community Development will be holding their monthly meeting at the location and on the date indicated below:

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
1 South Van Ness Avenue
Conference Room 5080 (5th Floor)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

By Chris Block at 5:08 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present: Chris Block, Joshua Arce, Irene Yee Riley, Ximena Delgado, Anushka Fernandopulle, Peter Cohen, Irene Yee Riley, Charlie Sciammas

Staff present: Brian Cheu, Bruce Ito, Amy Tharpe, Lariza Dugan-Cuadra, September Jarrett, Doris Lee, Ruby Harris, Jordan Klein, Amy Cohen, Amy Wallace

Public present (by sign in sheet): Kelly Dearman, Tuongvi Tran, James Hamby, Lottie Titus, Hattie Wells, Mario Paz, Jaime Rush, Nicole Levine, Blia Moua, Stella Bercerra, Sister Marie Madeleine, Rebecca Rolfe, Jessica Behme, Shi Shyhad Ba, Conny Zu, Essie Ester, Roanae Kent, Tera Gray, Victoria Vandercourt

3. **Presentation on HOPE SF**

Brian Cheu gave a presentation on the City's HOPE SF initiative. Chris Block, Utuma Belfrey and Josh Arce provided comments. Chris summarized an earlier meeting between staff and three CCCD members. Issues discussed included the exit strategies for agencies that work in HOPE SF sites. After development is completed

for each site, there is built in exit strategy. Programs are designed to create linkages to existing local organizations. Josh Arce commented on the importance of exit strategies and the importance of creating community capacity.

For the next six months, CCCD would receive a monthly HOPE SF summary report via email, to be reviewed during the next meeting. It is proposed that subsequent updates will be quarterly.

Brian described Urban Strategies' (US) national track record of doing this type of work and their ability to get meaningful results. US will also leverage foundations and other sources of funding.

Chris commented on the funding decision process and the utility of public comment.

Utuma described her role as Committee member and as a community member of BVHP.

Josh commented on the need for identifying key groups on the ground who can take over when US leaves, and developing their capacity, as well as the importance of summer programs for HV.

4. Presentation and Possible Action Item: 2011-12 CDBG & ESG Funding Recommendations

Chris Block described the process of funding decisions, and that the staff has provided scenarios. Preliminary recommendations were based on a 30% cut to CDBG. Because of recent Congressional actions, the staff created scenarios based on a 20% cut.

Brian Cheu presented a handout that illustrated the changes in funding based on a 20% budget, based on BOS input and Committee priorities. Brian highlighted the changes/additions to MOH-CDD's Capital, Housing Development, Services, TA & Capacity Building, and OEWD's Economic Development and Workforce Development programs. Brian also commented on neighborhood equity issues with regard to funding decisions.

Committee discussed the MOH-CDD funding changes, including the disparity of the request vs. the amount given, HOPE SF funding, housing development sector and the new funding/continued funding of agencies in the Mission and Bernal Heights, the minimum 50k funding, the impact of the Redevelopment Agency's fate, Family Resource Centers, and Housing Developers and appropriate funding levels.

Brian (handout) discussed the additions to the funding scenario based on at 20% cut vs. a 30% cut. These included services areas such as DV, Homeless Services, TAY, Community Centers and Financial Literacy. At this budget level, all the agencies and services cannot be funded. Committee discussed these scenarios. Committee

discussed specific agencies, credit repair and financial literacy, and the merger of a credit union and nonprofit.

Chris Block proposed a motion to approve the larger staff recommendations for MOH-CDD only. Peter Cohen made a motion to approve the MOH-CDD funding recommendations. Motion was seconded Josh Arce. Committee discussed the motion with respect to affordable housing development. Committee discussed an amendment to motion to defund MHDC and redistribute their proposed allocation. Amendment was not accepted, but motion withdrawn by Peter. Committee continued their discussion. Committee discussed a second motion to defund MDHC and prorate the funds to Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center (BHNC) and Dolores Street Community Services (DSCS). Anushka Fernandopulle suggested giving a portion of the monies to the Asian Women's Shelter to bring them to \$50k, and distribute the balance to BHNC and DSCS.

Utuma Belfrey made a motion to accept the MOH-CDD recommendations, but with incorporating Anushka Fernandopulle's suggestion. Anushka Fernandopulle seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Josh recused himself from vote because of a conflict of interest.

Committee discussed the remaining \$100k and the handful of agencies on the wishlist for funding. Total ask for these agencies is over \$200k. Chris' inclination was to fund YMCA Bayview or Conscious Youth Media Crew (CYMC). Committee discussed agencies' ability to absorb funding cuts.

Josh Arce made a motion to fully fund YMCA Bayview at \$50k. Motion was seconded by Utuma Belfrey. Motion passed unanimously.

Peter Cohen made a motion to fund DSCS and the Vietnamese Elderly Mutual Assistance Association (VEMAA). Utuma Belfrey amended motion include a Mission SF Federal Credit Union. Peter Cohen seconded the motion. Chris Block made a friendly amendment, that if additional funds are available, to also fund Community Youth Center and CYMC. Committee discussed concerns about not funding BAYCAT. Motion was passed unanimously. Josh recused himself from vote because his wife is on the board of one of the agencies in question.

Amy Cohen and Jordan Klein presented revisions to OEWD's Economic Development (ED) recommendations. OEWD reduced cuts in funding to high capacity agencies and restored some who were at zero, including grants to microenterprise business agencies. OEWD proposed one reduction, to SOMA Foundation/Urban Solutions, because increase was predicated on the loss of Redevelopment Agency funding, however the prospect of the agency surviving is favorable. Committee discussed specific agencies and minimum funding levels.

Committee was presented with options for allocating the remaining \$50k from ED. There are three options: 1. Increase support to businesses in Chinatown by granting the money to SF Shines for façade improvements); 2. Increase support to businesses in the Bayview by expanding the corridor program and funding the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center Bayview; or 3. Roll back the service cut to technical assistance providers in the childcare industry by funding to Wu Yee.

Ximena Delgado made a motion to adopt ED's 20% cut funding scenario. Irene Yee Riley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

For the remaining \$50k from ED, Chris Block does not support façade improvement option and Peter Cohen concurs. Committee discussed specific agencies. Peter expressed concern that cuts in Chinatown were heavy and supported funding Wu Yee.

Peter Cohen motioned to fund Wu Yee at \$50k. Ximena Delgado seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Amy Wallace presented the OEWD-Workforce (WF) 20% cut budget scenario. There were six changes. Revised budget increased funding for five agencies and provided new funding for another. Decisions were based neighborhood equity issues and outcome measures. Funding categories are vocational skills training, job readiness services, and one stop complementary services.

Committee discussed performance and impact of agencies. Committee discussed why there were no restorations to TAY groups. Amy reported that three youth organizations' funding will be backfilled from other sources. Committee discussed BVHP and HOPE SF and the dynamic with the Housing Authority.

WF staff sought feedback on broad categories for the remaining \$50k: Vocational skills training, youth services, job readiness services/barrier removal and one stop complementary services. Amy recommended funding to youth service, specifically to Friends of the Urban Forest, a citywide urban greening agency, that recruits participants from Bayview and Visitation Valley. Program would provide jobs for youth this summer.

Ximena Delgado motioned to accept the WF funding recommendations, including the addition of \$50k to Friends of the Urban Forest. Josh Arce seconded the motion. Committee requested that staff help to push for work opportunities in West Point. Committee discussed support for youth employment funding and other possible organizations, and programs that support the OMI and other SE neighborhoods, such as Jewish Vocational Services, CYC, Year Up and BAYCAT. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. **New Business**

N/A.

6. Public Comments

Public testimony in two parts, both before and after Committee discussion.

Part 1:

Nicole Levine (WISE), testified that the agency has operated for 23 years and helps low-income women start businesses and provides ongoing support. Services can accommodate Spanish speakers. Last year created 1000 jobs. Household income increases 77%. For every dollar spent, 13 dollars are returned to the community. Proposed cut would mean 60 women wouldn't receive services, 18 jobs.

Eugenie Fitzgerald (LGBT Center), testified on the cut to their workforce program. Seventy percent of transgendered persons are unemployed. Their Citywide program helps low-income people and also provides loan preparation services. Many entrepreneurs have benefited and the agency leverages City dollars.

Joanne (Wu Yee Children's Services) asked Committee to consider their proposal for funding. Proposal meets the priorities of the department. Without funding, program will suffer. Program had been funded for over a decade.

Part 2:

James Hamby (BVHP resident testified that he is a member of the HV tenants' association, also works with US. Asked committee to not cut US' funds, they are working in two Housing Authority projects. Also, don't give \$100k to the Asian/BVHP agency because services won't reach the Bayview. Split the money and give a grant to Chinatown and one to BVHP. He sees the good that US is trying to do and works with them weekly, as well as Mother's Against Guns, the tenants' association and also works with and Tessie.

Jaime Rush (AIDS Legal Referral Panel - ALRP) asked Committee to restore the cut to their funding. ALRP provides free legal services to people with AIDS/HIV, which in turn improves their health outcomes. Clients served are in imminent loss of their housing and need eviction prevention. Services reduce the incidence of homelessness, reduces spread of HIV and clients are more likely to adhere to treatment regimens. Agency provides a critically needed service.

A resident of HV testified. He has lived in HV since 1966 and was four years old. He is an environmental activist. He is diligently working in HV w/Nibbi and Kelly Dearman (Urban Strategies) and with Tessie. Pilot programs have problems, there is a communication gap and no unity. There will be two more development phases in the next six years. Hopefully there will be unity when US. leaves, community is its own biggest enemy. Right now, it's not functional. Residents need work besides labor work, such as plumbing.

Ms. Lottie Titus a resident of HV for 17 years testified that she has seen things come and go and that trust is difficult. Right now the community has US, don't cut of the hands that are trying to help them. US needs to use funds for what it's intended. Who's responsible for making sure they are doing the job? Has five grandchildren and her family has not received services. Hold people accountable. Don't give out money without accountability.

Vice president of the HV tenants' association testified. Has heard many different things. With US, there's a good and negative side and she speaks for both. Likes most of the things that US. is doing, but that the entire community should be helped. There are conversations about phase two and phase three, but phase one is not done. What is happening in BVHP? Knows about the Y, but you need home before you can use the Y. What can we do to have youth help us? Waited hours to testify.

Tessie Ester (president HV tenants' association, and Mothers Against Crime) corrected her statement from the public hearing. Her comments were not about US, but about resources to HV. She has lived there since 1959. She is a great grandmother. She likes Urban Strategies. More money needed for HV, nobody is up there, and other people are lining their pockets. What is the HOPE SF task force?

Kelly Dearman, (US), gave thanks for the comments and recommendations. Also thanked the residents and board. Has done a lot of work up there, but is still working on things and communication is a problem. But success is being made, people are working. Residents from Alice Griffith had to leave this meeting early. Alice Griffith had an open house last week, and the household survey is getting done.

Elizabeth (resident of HV) testified in supports of HV. Last night, there was a drive by shooting but there is no one to protect them. Mothers Against Crime does a good job, provide funds for them. No one is up there except for U, but no one is up there to support them. When the police come up, who can they turn to?

Jessica (Children's Council of SF) asked Committee to reconsider their funding. Agency operates Citywide, year round, supports children and youth and the childcare community. Helps develop childcare businesses. Agency has worked with OEWD since the 1980s. Agency is there for families and children. Funding supports agency's staff of three, will take anything.

7. Adjournment

By Chris Block at 8:06.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 17, 2011

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