



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 5, 2011
1 South Van Ness Avenue
2nd Floor Atrium
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

By Chris Block at 4:08 p.m.

2. Public Comment on 2011-12 CDBG & ESG Funding Recommendations

Chris Block made announcements. Individual speakers will get two minutes to speak. Groups will get three minutes. If a translator is needed, the time will be doubled. Chris made general comments about the preliminary funding recommendations and that we are planning for a 30% cut in funding, or \$8.5M, with a total ask of over \$35M.

Committee introduced themselves and made brief comments.

Members present: Charlie Sciammas, Peter Cohen, Colin Lacon, Chris Block, Josh Arce, Irene Yee Riley and Utuma Belfrey, Anushka Fernandopulle

Staff present: Lariza Dugan Cuadra, Bruce Ito, Brian Cheu, Dave Taylor, Teresa Yanga, Eugene Flannery, Michael Solomon, Holly Lung, Steve Currie, Noelle Knotts, Pierre Stroud, Doris Lee, Ruby Harris, Amy Wallace

Committee heard testimony. Transcribed testimony summary is available (handout).

3. New Business

Committee discussed the preliminary funding recommendations and priorities, such as workforce services in Chinatown (District 3), services to the BVHP, safety net services, domestic violence funding, gaps in critical services, minimum grant levels, grant increases v. agencies zeroed out, convening local funders (including philanthropy), merger and acquisitions, capacity building, neighborhoods, cultural representation.

Staff is requested to provide information on how the recommendations met the established priorities.

Committee also requested information on equity issues and grant size disparities. Looking at geography isn't enough, because some areas with gang violence have specific safe boundaries. Committee discussed HOPE SF and community capacity.

Committee and OEWD staff discussed the merger involving NEFCU/Mission SF and cuts to the credit repair program.

Committee discussed Urban Strategies.

Chris Block recommended that HOPE SF be a separate agenda item for the April 19, 2011 meeting. A subcommittee will be formed to clarify and focus on this issue.

Committee discussed that over twenty agencies that provide front line services have been zeroed out. The also discussed affordable housing development..

Committee and staff discussed Ella Hill Hutch, Manilatown Heritage Foundation, Larkin Street Youth Services, Community United Against Violence, Asian Women's Shelter, AIDS Housing Alliance, South of Market / Urban Solutions, Homeownership SF, the Economic Development on 6th Street, Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center and Chinese Newcomers Service Center.

Committee discussed sources of "new" money, such as tapping the grants of big agencies and agencies that got increases. Staff discussed the unlikelihood of "new" money, especially in light of the CDBG cuts and the possibility of a larger than 30% cut.

Committee's final comments included the \$50k threshold and exceptions, the staff's effort around preliminary recommendations, youth and TAY with regard to workforce programs, that the housing development portfolio hit was hardest (40%), that 24 agencies were zeroed out and 20 took a cut.

Committee discussed OEWD's recommendations. Staff and Committee discussed the rationale that resulted in six grants reduced, nine taking a cut, but some agencies getting increases. Committee discussed the need for staff feedback and the need to inform the public about the funding framework, the "game change" on the Hill, how to build capacity in Hunter's View, and credit repair programs and whether we have maximized our investment.

Committee discussed the credit repair programs at MEDA and SF Housing Development Corp., and whether job readiness is a part of safety net services, Committee discussed specific agencies and their de-funding or reduced funding: Charity Cultural Services, Mission Hiring Hall, Asian Neighborhood Design, and Fraternite Notre Dame.

4. Public Comment

Final public comment included:

It was helpful to observe this process. Regarding the Mission SF Federal Credit Union merger, service delivery won't be impacted. Agency has met or exceeded goals for that program and many clients use credit builder program.

SFHDC commented that mergers are not good when agencies are in a weakened structure. Agency encourages mergers of providers that are fiscally responsible. There is now neighborhood center in District 10, the Bayview Town Center. What hasn't happen is that the public agencies haven't worked together. The Town Center is needed as a central place, where youth, adults and families are served.

5. Adjournment

By Chris Block at 9:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 19, 2011

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