



CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 15, 2012
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 5:11 p.m.

Members Present: Chris Block, Josh Arce, Charlie Sciammas, Irene Yee Riley, Peter Cohen, Anushka Fernadopulle

Excused: Ximena Delgado, Utuma Belfrey

Staff: Dave Taylor, Jordan Klein, Brian Cheu, Bruce Ito

Members of the public: Mr. Choi (SFDPH), Megan Owens (HSA)

2. Approval of minutes of April 10, 2012

Approved unanimously.

3. Update on CDBG/ESG recommendations

Brian Cheu gave an update on 2012-13 CDBG/ESG recommendations. Mayor accepted the recommendations without change. BOS budget and finance committee approved without changes. Full BOS also approved without changes. MOH-CD is set to start contract negotiations. Grantee orientations are on Friday and Monday. Mayor Lee is proactively addressing state cuts. This does not affect our recommendations directly. Budget Office will have to decide whether to use general funds. Workforce, second year of a two year grant cycle, ED, CDBG and ESG start

a 3 year cycle. Capital grants are annual. President Obama has proposed cuts or flat funding for CDBG, ESG and HOPWA for 2013-14.

Committee discussed Job Readiness Initiative funding, formerly managed by the SFRA and tax increment dollars with \$1 million a year budget. Its budget gaps and possible back fill options. CCCD could advocate for JRI funding and write a letter. Also remind the City's administration to keep job readiness and small business support in the budget discussion, and in a larger sense, community development work. CDBG cannot backfill these cuts.

There is a proposal for 6 month bridge funding for JRI. JRI creates hundreds of jobs and involves multiple CBOs providing these services.

Job creation and economic development was part of the Mayor's 17-point plan, however there are dramatic cuts at from state and federal funding sources. CCCD has worked on Consolidation and integration in the past five years, and a coordinated, thoughtful funding strategy.

The dissolution of SFRA creates a unique opportunity during this budget process to provide advocacy and support for workforce programs. The City will not be able to backfill all of what SFRA provided. OEWD met with the Mayor in March. Given parameters of 25% of previous SFRA budget, proposed a 75% level. This is a crucial period for budget changes. Mayor supports job creation and economic development as well as strong support for safety net services. These programs were funded through SFRA or OEWD, largely depending on project area.

Committee is concerned about the future of workforce and economic development programs. CDBG has been used as a secondary resources, but does not have the resources to backfill cuts. CDBG has been hit with significant cuts. CDBG cannot be used as budget filler. CDBG and general fund were the only sources of local funding. CDBG was used to help backfill Urban Solutions cuts. Committee discussed making a funding priority statement and a priority by geographic or

Committee discussed the refunneling of tax increment dollars that used to go to SFRA and were to be returned to local areas.

Within a couple of weeks, Committee would write a letter to the Mayor and charge Brian with meeting with the budget director, Kate Howard and coordinate with other department heads, Rhonda Simmons and Jenn Matz. Should there be general funds available the letter would inform funding decisions. The letter would:

- Describe the work CCCD does
- Urge housing, workforce development and economic development support
- Or encourage a focus on JRI, CCCD has funded seven organizations that were supported by SFRA funds.

Josh will provide a rough draft of a one page letter by May 16, which will be reviewed the committee, except Chris.

4. Discussion of Committee Structure and Bylaws

Brian presented the draft CCCD bylaws (handout). Because of the three-year grant cycle, the Committee could focus on the larger picture, such as policy, rather than the RFP/funding process. Committee discussed the future shape and direction of the Committee, the roadmap for the upcoming year, and the ways to work with staff. The experiences, research and outside influences of the past five years have shaped the Committee's charge. Committee discussed factors include dwindling CDBG resources, the involvement of philanthropy and the dissolution of SFRA.

Staff will resend the Harder and Company report that occurred when MOCD was merging with MOH and OEWD's role was shifting. As a result the BOS created new legislation redefining the CCCD.

Committee discussed the formation of subcommittees, such as a strategic initiatives committee. Draft bylaws include provisions for forming subcommittees.

There is precedent that philanthropic organizations have reviewed government funding initiatives and invited government to participate in their funding process. There is no precedent for the opposite.

Staff will agendize the item for the next meeting.

Motion to create a Strategic Initiatives subcommittee. Seconded by Josh. Passed unanimously.

5. Officer Elections

Chris Block will be resigning from the Committee and this will be his last meeting. It is also Charlie Sciammas' last meeting. Committee agreed to table officer elections until the following meeting.

6. New Business

Josh Arce asked if there was anything the CCCD could to assist MOH-CD in terms of advocating for resources to do our work.

7. Public Comments

N/A

8. Adjournment

By Chris Block at 7:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 2012

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