



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, July 17, 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 Colin Lacon at 5:17 p.m.

Committee members introduced themselves to Emylene Aspilla of OEWD. Emily gave a brief recap of her work experience.

Members present: Colin Lacon, Irene Yee Riley, Josh Arce, Peter Cohen, Utuma Belfrey

Staff present: Dave Taylor, Brian Cheu, Bruce Ito, Emylene Aspilla, Holly Lung

2. Approval of minutes of May, 15, 2012

Motion by Irene to approved minutes as corrected. Peter seconded the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

3. Update on City Budget

Dave Taylor gave a brief overview of the Economic Development budget. ED was able to get some general fund monies to partially backfill the loss of SFRA funding. Some projects, such as the Third Street Corridor Project, received additional funding in the form of general fund addbacks. Committee discussed what ED programs have shortfalls and what programs have the priority. Budget cuts over the past two years have resulted in the elimination of the youth workforce portfolio. Additional funding for sector initiatives and the Job Readiness Initiative is needed.

On the federal level, the House and Senate are proposing flat or small increases on the HOME and CDBG funding for 2013-14. The President proposes flat funding. MOH got a number of addbacks, several targeting services of agencies that received budget cuts. The Board of Supervisors cannot specify an agency for an addback, so an RFP for these funds will be released. For example, La Raza Centro Legal received a \$40,000 cut for 2012-13, an addback in that amount for immigrant legal services was granted. Other examples include funding for a theater in the Mission District. Procurement of these dollars must be through a competitive process. ED received small addbacks for immigrant services. MOH will have 8 or 9 more grants that may be added to our baseline funding. Workforce cuts were not covered in the addback process.

For agencies of special concern to the committee, Brothers Against Guns was funded but still does not have a fiscal agent, which is a requirement by the City. ICY was not funded despite some support from the supervisors and the community. Rebuilding Together's funding was a split vote for the committee and they received a smaller grant than was initially recommended. Their ED is new to the process and despite some challenges, the grant moved forward. CUAV was not funded as the range of their services has changed over time and they do not neatly fit into any City department's funding priorities.

The letter sent in May from the committee to the Mayor and Supervisor Chu regarding restoration of redevelopment funding for OWED's job training programs helped garner additional funding.

*Committee would like a list of general fund addback grants when they are available.

4. Discussion and Possible Election of New Officers

Colin agreed to be acting chair for as long as needed, but has declined to run for the job permanently. Committee discussed the idea of Mayoral and Supervisorial chairs and vice-chairs with two-year terms. The vice-chair position would serve as a training opportunity with the possibility of nomination for chair after two years. It was noted that the chair cannot serve as an advocate for the communities he or she represents. Committee discussed policy actions versus changing the bylaws. Committee discussed whether to wait until all committee members are present or have email conversations if that is not possible.

*Brian present a proposal for discussion at August's meeting regarding the officer proposal.

Committee elected to delay officer elections. All five members present can attend the next meeting.

The Mayor's appointment secretary has been contacted to reappoint current incumbents (Irene and Colin) and to replace Chris Block. The Board of Supervisors' Clerk of the Rules Committee has been contacted regarding Charlie Sciammas' open seat. Due to other priorities, there is no information at this time. Mayor's appointees can be done

quickly with the approval of the Mayor, but the Board's open seat would not be able to be approved until September because of procedural issues.

5. Discussion of Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee

Utuma, Josh and Peter have agreed to be on the Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee. Committee discussed the concept of a task force to address specific, time-limited projects. Subcommittees and task forces formed by the committee are subject to noticing requirements and Sunshine Laws.

Committee discussed funding from Lennar and the difficulty of creating a transparent process and how to align philanthropy around larger initiatives such as HOPE SF. The broadness of the CDBG portfolio is difficult to align with philanthropic groups who are more focused on specific priorities. Committee would like see the combined City funding for individual agencies to get a broader sense of budget size and impact. MOH's designation as the housing successor agency to SFRA means better oversight and coordination of the varied funding streams for local housing projects.

Josh suggested that one strategic initiative could be regarding the Jobs Readiness Initiative and if it goes out to bid, possibly having the CCCD as overseer. The disposition of those dollars is not clear.

Another suggestion was regarding technical assistance and capacity building, and what efforts it would take to sustain small scale sectors, especially in light of shrinking government and private support.

The CCCD was set up to conform to the HUD regulations of community input, not to be a chartered commission with the ability to hire and fire staff.

The "new" CCCD has evolved. The committee first learned how departments fund based on their mission. The next year, the CCCD created funding priorities based on community feedback. The following year, with a better understanding of the complete funding landscape, the committee built enough capacity to write a funding recommendation letter that was successful in restoring funding in a key priority area. Now, the committee will look for actionable opportunities to change how funding is delivered.

Committee discussed capacity building for nonprofits, overlapping city funding and the ability to leverage philanthropic dollars. Specifically, the committee discussed ways preserve key initiatives such as JRI going forward.

Capacity building challenges and issues, other departments?

Some of the ideas above could be handled on the committee level. CCCD has intended to invite philanthropic organizations to discuss opportunities and challenges of working with the City. Committee discussed examples of how foundation dollars have been leveraged with public funds, such as Communities of Opportunity and HOPE SF.

Committee discussed changes to the meeting schedule, which has been arranged around the funding cycle.

6. New Business

Peter stated that other City committees meet on Tuesdays to discuss the CPMC development plan. Committee decided to keep the Tuesday meeting date. Committee discussed meeting at other venues, such as City Hall. City Hall meeting rooms are a challenge to schedule and MOH does not have authority to easily reserve rooms.

7. Public Comments

N/A

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Colin at 6:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 21, 2012

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