



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, August 21, 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 5:12 p.m.

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

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

Public: Nancy Cross

2. Approval of minutes of July 17, 2012

Motion by Josh, seconded by Irene, approved unanimously as amended by Josh.

3. General fund add back discussion

Brian Cheu led a discussion of the recent add backs from the Board of Supervisors. \$3.5 million of general funds were provided to support services in San Francisco. Thirteen add backs came to MOH directly or were work ordered from other departments. Add backs are given out after the budget is approved. Brian then meets with the supervisor who initiated the add back and explains our RFP procedures. Often, an agency has lost funding and was seeking replacement funding. However, the money cannot be designated to a specific agency, MOH utilizes an RFP process to determine which agency will receive the additional funding.

Add backs administered by MOH include:

- \$50,000 for Portola District neighborhood services targeting Asian immigrants
- \$5,000 for small business technical assistance (work ordered to OEWD)
- \$295,000 for workers rights and education
- \$100,000 for immigrant services
- \$45,000 for immigrant legal services targeting DV survivors
- \$40,000 for legal services in the Mission
- \$150,000 for services targeting Latino immigrant families in the Tenderloin
- \$100,000 leadership development and community building between the Asian and African American communities in the Bayview
- \$75,000 for immigrant services in Chinatown
- \$80,000 for support for a credit union
- \$50,000 to support a network of API agencies
- \$20,000 for neighborhood capacity building in North Beach (work ordered to Administrative Services)
- \$100,000 for private right to counsel programs (work ordered to HSA)
- \$300,000 for rehab of an arts and culture center and operational support in the Mission

Addbacks fell into two categories: services and City services. Committee and staff discussed the addback process and its impact on CDGB funded projects and priorities.

4. **Possible election of committee officers**

Since the last meeting, Brian had discussions with potential Committee chairs. Colin and Anushka have declined. Ximena will discuss this with the Committee in person. The Mayor's appointment secretary has suggested a replacement for Chris' seat. That person will be interviewed regarding her interest. Committee will defer the decision on chair and vice chairs at future meeting. Committee will also discuss annual scheduling at a future meeting, particularly in light of the movement away from annual CDBG funding responsibilities.

5. **Discussion of Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee**

Committee has expressed enthusiasm for the idea but is also aware of the requirements for having a public meeting including appropriate notice and the Sunshine Act. Committee's most obvious role is as a CDBG oversight committee. The subcommittee could focus broader issues such as policy and on a structural level and create change at a larger strategic and institutional level. Several ideas for the subcommittee, such as exploring philanthropic partnerships have been suggested. The Committee discussed what staff input would be and if there are enough resources to implement it. Also, Committee discussed whether this would be a productive and viable idea. Committee discussed other commissions such as the Small Business Commission (SBC), of which Irene is a member, that has a broader policy role and how to broaden the CCCD's scope and influence.

Initiatives would have to overlap MOH's current initiatives. Brian explained that policy level initiatives would require coordination with MOH's policy team. The committee could be a vetting body on programmatic and policy issues. The SBC always includes a director's report on the agenda. This report informs members and generates ideas and projects for future meetings. Also included on every agenda is a commission report that allows members to report on meetings and issues that might be of interest to the full commission. Committee agreed that a director's and a committee member report are easy first steps. Also, inviting other key community development leaders, such as department heads and foundation executives would create opportunities to work with a wider range of groups. The difficult part of the process is creating trust with these other entities. The politics of the City requires a foundation of trust. Inviting department heads to future meetings would create this trust. Committee discussed the barriers that a subcommittee would encounter with the intent to do work in between meetings. Instead agreements could be made with staff and committee members to provide research and feedback for the next meeting. Committee and staff discussed the usefulness of a subcommittee to the City.

Colin departed at 6:21 p.m. Peter Cohen served as acting chair for the remainder of the meeting. For September's meeting, the committee will scope ideas for the subcommittee. For a future meeting will invite Vanitha Venugopal (San Francisco Foundation) and Amanda Feinstein (Haas Sr. Fund) to discuss coordinating funding for community development, workforce and economic development initiatives. Outreach to financial institutions, such as Schwab and Bank of America, as well as the United Way was suggested.

6. New Business

Irene will bring food for the next meeting. Josh commented that Mayor Lee has been instrumental in implementing local hiring laws. A similar local hiring requirement for City funded non profits was discussed. Steve Currie will be leaving the Workforce Division for a position at the San Francisco PUC. Emelyne will be the workforce representative for the CCCD.

7. Public Comments

Member of the public commented that she likes structure, process and function which coincidentally, was the main topic at this meeting. She also commented on the use of broad terms that have uncertain meanings, such as "affordable" as in affordable housing. She commented on the difficulty people in need, such as homeless persons, might not be able to provide required residency documentation.

8. Adjournment

By Peter Cohen at 6:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 18, 2012

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