

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 1 South Van Ness Ave., Room 5080 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - By Brian Cheu at 5:10 pm

Committee Members Present: Eddie Ahn, Utuma Belfrey, Peter Cohen, Irene Yee Riley, Jamie Allison-Hope

City Staff Brian Cheu- MOHCD, Julia Sabory- MOHCD, Randy Quijada- OEWD Community Members: Willie Warren, Urban Strategies Incorporated, Cris Bautista, Renaissance Center

2. Approval of minutes (Action Item)

A. Motion to approve of August 20, 2013 minutes motioned by Committee Member Utuma Belfrey and seconded by Committee Member Irene Riley. Approved by Committee.

3. Director's Report (Discussion Only)

Introductions of the new Committee members Eddie Ahn and Jamie Allison-Hope.

Brian reviewed some of the City's recent responses to its spike in Ellis Act evictions, the state law that allows tenants to be evicted if the landlord pulls the building from the rental market. The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee will be reviewing legislation that will provide Ellis Act evictees priority access to city-subsidized housing units. Additionally, the Tenderloin Housing Clinic was recently funded by the Department of Human Services to target Senior and Disabled Households Facing Ellis Evictions.

Supervisor Jane Kim's office had requested a hearing and a Work Group to address nonprofit displacement. MOHCD will be spearheading the Work Group that will develop a report which will include a series of recommendations and action items on how the City can address the issue of nonprofit displacement due to the rapid rise of commercial rents. The Committee asked if the CCCD can craft a letter to encourage the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to pursue policies that address with displacement. The Committee decided to make a formal nonprofit displacement policy statement. Brian will bring a summary/report on updated policies for the Committee to discuss at the January meeting.

4. Committee Member's Report (Discussion Only)

Committee Member Irene Yee Riley is working on toy drives for a number of organizations.

5. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Capital Funding

Brian Cheu discussed the current cap on HOPWA dollars' rental subsidies as outlined by Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) formula. The formula is not in touch with the reality of San Francisco's housing market. An inquiry was sent to HUD on behalf of MOHCD. Additionally, for the upcoming Consolidated plan, MOHCD would like to strengthen rental tenant based rental programs and perhaps develop a rental readiness program.

B. Debrief and review Community Meetings outcomes

The Committee discussed the experience of the community meetings. The Members appreciated being in the community and getting better in touch with the residents. Going forward, the committee members reported to feel more confident representing the voice and opinion of the community more effectively.

C. Discussion about upcoming MOHCD strategic planning process and CON plan preparation

Brian reviewed the current strategy for completing the CON plan, San Francisco's five-year strategic plan for community development and affordable housing activities. The document also serves as an application to HUD for four funding sources (CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA). January through April will be dedicated outreach and data collection, May through August will be focused on writing and the development of performance measures, and by the month of September it will be ready for review and public comment. July 2015 will be the RFP date that will fund the new objectives.

Brian stated that historically MOHCD had a series of 10 neighborhood based meeting and would gather a broad base of info. The drawback was the information collected was general and perhaps this year we would like to have focus groups and dive deep in various subjects as well as do the neighborhood reach. Committee members asked to have a debriefing meeting about the Consolidated plan given they will be the facilitators of some of the discussions. Specifically, Members would like to further understand what is required and what the vision is. Ideas members suggested: do a survey and gather issues to talk about with the providers and to send out a briefing/reading to prepare focus group attendees. For the January CCCD mtg, Brian will create a framework for the Con-Plan and invite Gloria to attend and overview the plan. Also at the next meeting the Committee will formally adopt the 2014 meeting calendar. Thus far, the Committee will need to meet around the following dates:

- March 11th to vote on preliminary recommendations
- March 25th to host a public hearing on the recommendations
- April 1st to finalize the recommendations

D. Selection of 2014 Meeting Calendar

Tabled for the next meeting.

6. Public Comments

A member of the public, Willie Warren, discussed issues related to non-profits managing public housing and requested the CCCD to be more aware and present. HE also further discussed the issue of San Francisco community members being 'vehicular housed' and the challenges that this raises, particularly for families who have children.

7. Adjournment

Brian Cheu adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm

NEXT MEETING SPECIAL MEETING DATE: January 21, 2013

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