

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

## **FULL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, April 1, 2014
1 South Van Ness Ave., Room 5080
San Francisco CA., 94102
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

Call to Order - By Brian Cheu at 5:00 pm
 Committee Members Present: Peter Cohen, Eddie Ahn, Miquel Penn,
 City Staff MOHCD- Brian Cheu, Julia Sabory, Pierre Stroud, OEWD- Diana Ponce De Leon
 Community - Erica Roetman Sklar, Asian Neighborhood Design

# 2. Director's Report (Discussion Only)

- The President released his report on CDBG/ESG/HOME and there will be cuts across the three programs for 2015-2016.
- MOHCD is continuing to work diligently on the Consolidated Plan and has been facilitating a number of Provider Focus Groups.
- HIV/Housing plan is underway. The same consultants as Con plan are assisting. Committee member Cohen questioned how are we sufficiently funding agencies to move along the ladder? Clients continue to need assistance to fill out paperwork and navigate systems.

# 3. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Finalize 2014-15 HOPWA grant preliminary recommendations
- B. Finalize 2014-15 CDBG/ESG Preliminary Funding Recommendations

Questions were raised by the Committee members about comments made by various agencies at the Public Hearing the CCCD hosted on March 25, 2014.

- Success Center commented that they were not funded and would like additional information. Brian shared that the space the Success Center occupies is on land overseen by Juvenile Probation and that they were not ready to support this application. The agency is working with Chief Nance, however, the two entities will not be able to resolve their issues in time for this year's grant process.
- Mission Housing commented that they were not funded for their elevator repair project. Brian responded that the Housing Development funding is solely for the purpose of supporting pre-development costs as it relates to Housing Development. In other words, this funding cannot fund actual construction or repairs.
- Japanese Community Youth Council commented that they weren't funded. Brian responded that their proposal did not fit any of the open categories.

Additionally, Asian Neighborhood Design (AND) was concerned with their reduction in funding. It was reported that the agency has incurred a \$74,000 reduction in funding from CDBG. The Executive Director, Erica Roetman Sklar, was in attendance and provided the following feedback:

- Work that AND is qualified to do seems to be available, however they aren't able to access it.
- AND is unclear on where the \$74,000 went.
- AND is concerned with the issue that private architects are picking up the work that non-profits should be providing.
- AND has recently brought back their workforce program which focuses on green jobs and solar efforts.

Brian stated that he will follow up with OEWD and AND to work toward a resolution. Everyone was appreciative that Erica took the time to come and introduce herself and the important work AND provides.

Brian shared that the recommendation will go to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors on Friday. Commissioner Cohen requested a presentation from OEWD on how CDBG investments are distributed since they weren't present during this process.

## 4. Public Comments

# 5. Adjournment

Brian Cheu adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

## NEXT MEETING DATE: June 17, 2014

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