



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

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014
1 South Van Ness Ave., Room 5080
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** - By Brian Cheu at 5:00 pm
Committee Members Present: Jamie Allison-Hope, Utuma Belfrey, Peter Cohen, Ximena Delgado, Anushka Fernandopulle, Miquel Penn, Eddy Ahn, Irene Yee Riley
City Staff Brian Cheu- MOHCD, Julia Sabory- MOHCD, Randy Quezada- OEWD, Joan McNamara
Community Members- Jaime Rush - ALRP, Josh Arce - Brightline, Willie Warren, Marchelle Johnson - Midtown, Alvin Irving - Midtown
2. **Public Comments – Public Comment was moved to the first item.**
 - Marchell Johnson present of Midtown Corporation concerned that residents still don't have representation or a space to assemble.
 - Jaime Rush from AIDS Legal Referral Panel is a member of the legal team along with Josh Arce and Committee member Eddie Ahn from Brightline. On behalf of the residents they filed a petition with the Rent Board on February 3rd 2014 to request a Rent Board opinion as to whether the residents are covered by the San Francisco Rent Ordinance. Given that the 'landlord' of this site is the City and County of San Francisco, the legal team was trying to gain clarity.
 - Alvin Irving stated that the Mercy has shut out the Board and residents feel like they aren't being heard after 45 years and are now locked out of the process.
3. **Director's Report (Discussion Only)**
 - Midtown Park Apartments update.
 - Committee member Allison-Hope spoke with Doug Shoemaker and came away from the conversation with a detailed understanding and confidence that Mercy housing will address the communications issue and continue to fulfill their commitment in a thorough and accessible fashion.
 - Joan MacNamara was present for questions, however there were none.
 - Brian reviewed the Ellis Act preference program that is ramping up as well as the MOHCD housing portal and Non-profit Displacement Working Group.
 - Committee members shared that although this will be welcomed improvements, however, housing services will still require community services and assistance given the difficulty of the forms and process etc.
4. **Approval of minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. Motion to approve of January 21, 2013 minutes approved by the Committee.

5. Committee Member's Report (Discussion Only)

- Committee member Cohen shared his perspective of the current displacement issue in San Francisco, particularly around addressing the 'bad behavior' of speculators. In other words, rather than solely address the aftermath of evicted families, we must work with legislators that has a proactive approach.

6. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consolidated Plan Discussion with LFA Consultants.

Hannah Melnicoe, the LFA Research Associate, reviewed LFA's scope of work; to provide advice on data collection instruments, synthesize and analyze needs data, research and develop objectives and strategies, help prioritize what the Con-Plan funds should be used for. Brian added that the LFA will assist in analyzing data from other departments as well as looking at evaluating how well we have done in community development. They won't be facilitating community meeting and will be assisting more with data analysis.

The Committee members then reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Community meetings and provided feedback.

7. Adjournment

Brian Cheu adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING SPECIAL MEETING DATE: March 19, 2014

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