CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, Room 5080
San Francisco, CA 94103
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 5:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Clinton Loftman, Irene Riley, Aileen Hernandez (arrived at 5:17 p.m.), Emma Kelsey (arrived at 5:19 p.m.), Elena Chavez Quezada (arrived at 5:23 p.m.), and Azalea Renfield (arrived at 5:30 p.m.).

City Staff Attendance: Brian Cheu (MOHCD) and Mike King (MOHCD).

2. Director’s Report (Discussion Item)

   a. Brian shared that MOHCD recently issued a job posting for its vacant department Director position. CCCD members should share the opportunity with their networks if they have candidates in mind.

   b. Brian shared that MOHCD has gone through the first phase of the SF Housing Authority transition. The Section 8 Voucher Program has now transitioned to a private contractor, Nan McKay & Associates, as of October 1, 2019. The second phase, including its public housing transition, will occur over the next couple of months.

   c. The President of the United States recently submitted his proposed budget and once again it zeroed out CDBG and HOME funding and reduced HOPWA funding. Typically, Congress has reinstated funding levels for those programs, but the budget process remains stressful for our jurisdiction and others who rely on those sources of funding.

3. Committee Members’ Report (Discussion Item)

   a. None.

4. MOHCD Racial Equity Action Plan Update

   Brian provided an overview of MOHCD’s Racial Equity Initiative, which has been facilitated a contractor, The Justice Collective, and an internal working group. MOHCD will be working over the next several months to create action plans for core areas of our operations, including human resources (e.g., hiring, retention and promotion), grantee relationships, funding distribution and
procurement, and contracting. MOHCD is exploring theoretically frameworks, as well as definitions and vision statements, to reflect and accomplish the goals of the department and the City.

5. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) Update

Brian provided an overview of NRSAs, which allow MOHCD to spend beyond 15% of the HUD CDBG allocation to any one neighborhood. MOHCD has a new HUD representative who wants us to gather feedback on our specific NRSA investment strategies before recertifying those geographic areas. The Community Development Division will be holding a series of meeting in those neighborhoods over the next month.

6. 2020-2025 Community Development RFP Update

Brian described our recent RFP info sessions and shared that 60 new applicants have created RFP proposals, with many of those organizations directly linked to our outreach process. The Community Development Division feels that it is a good sign that organizations serving populations in need (e.g., African American, Native and Indigenous Peoples) will be represented in our RFP process.

Mike provided an overview of our RFP scoring process and a tutorial on how CCCD members should use the online RFP platform to review and score their assigned proposals.

Members asked questions about the process and provided recommendations for how to improve it in the future.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting minutes from July 31, 2019 were motioned by Clinton Loftman, seconded by Aileen Hernandez, and approved unanimously by the Committee.

8. Public Comment

a. Kathleen D. Hicks introduced herself and expressed her interest in joining the Committee.

b. Y’Anad Burrell introduced herself as Kathleen’s daughter and a San Francisco resident of Bayview Hunters Point. She explained that her mother has had many experiences that would make her a valuable addition to the Committee.

Y’Anad asked if the CCCD will serve as the advisory body for MOHCD’s Racial Equity Action Plan. Brian described how the City just created an Office of Racial Equity that is housed within the Human Rights Commission, and each department will have its own racial equity body. Currently, MOHCD has a racial equity working group that makes recommendations based on advice from the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE).

9. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.