



CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Microsoft Teams Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 5:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Irene Riley, Clint Loftman, Emma Kelsey, Azalea Renfield, and Aileen Hernandez.

City Staff Attendance: Brian Cheu (MOHCD), Pierre Stroud (MOHCD), Dolly Sithounnolat (MOHCD), Katherine Daniel (OEWD), Glenn Eagleson (OEWD), and David Taylor (OEWD).

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. **Meeting minutes from January 7, 2021 were motioned, with no corrections requested by Azalea Renfield, seconded by Aileen Hernandez, and approved unanimously by the Committee.**

3. Director's Report (*Discussion Item*)

- a. Invited Spanish speaking and Cantonese speaking interpreters to the meeting in case interpretation is needed from the public.

4. Committee Members' Report (*Discussion Item*)

- a. Aileen Hernandez, along with other representatives of BART, met with District Supervisor Mandelman, who also serves as the Vice Chair of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, around concerns of homelessness around the stations. Aileen is seeking information on opportunities for partnerships to BART to provide referrals for supportive services.

5. A Summary Briefing on MOHCD's February 25th Public Hearing (*Discussion Item*)

- a. Brian Cheu provided a brief update on MOHCD's online public hearing. About 250 people participated to provide public input on the strategies for addressing housing and community development needs. The meeting is part of MOHCD's annual process to receive community input on needs. The online meeting broke out into language specific groups with English and interpretation for Spanish and Cantonese. Public hearing participants in the

Spanish and Cantonese speaking groups reported difficulties with meeting criteria or being chosen for affordable housing. Specific examples include participants not being able to qualify for MOHCD's affordable housing because their incomes were at 30% AMI and lower. Some individuals discussed the Dahlia process, specifically why people do not receive credit for the number of times they applied for a below-market rate unit, while some applied only once and have been picked in the lottery. Currently MOHCD does not have a point system for the lottery. Brian also mentioned with members of improvement for MOHCD's future townhalls, especially around partnering with nonprofits and language access.

Members discussed.

Three of the CCCD members were present and shared their experiences, including shared stories of nonprofit staff working with people living with HIV and how people have been struggling during the pandemic. In addition, nonprofit Executive Directors and community members reporting needs for access to housing once the eviction moratorium is lifted. How does MOHCD reconcile the current RFP, with the consolidated plan and peoples' needs? Brian and Pierre mentioned that this will be addressed during the RFP briefing.

6. A Summary Briefing on the Economic Recovery Task Force Report

- a. Katherine Daniel provided a summary on the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) report. Katherine is a Director at OEWD, but has been tasked to work with the Mayor's Office on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Task Force has over 100 members. It was formed as a temporary body formed to provide policy guidance and recommendations to city strategies on economic support during the pandemic and recovery. Through community and outreach engagement in focus groups, public surveys and emails, and presentations, the Task Force developed 41 policy recommendations. The Task Force recommendations were built on addressing sectors and populations most significantly impacted by the pandemic, such as those in the hospitality, entertainment, food services, and personal services industries. The recommendations were organized in eight major themes, with 41 policy recommendations.

Members discussed

What is the rationale of prioritizing multi-family housing? There is a recommendation in the economic stimulus section that speaks to the projects of large projects. The recognition of increasing developments not provided by the federal stimulus. However, Katherine will follow-up and confirm.

What are the programs to support small businesses? Largely, OEWD has created grants and resources to small businesses. Other departments that have businesses as tenants have provided some relief in rent, others have provided grants and loans. Is that money from the general fund? Some funds are general fund, but also some funds are leveraged from other funding sources, and the stimulus. OEWD also provides small business support and financial assistance. Total investment is about \$86 Million for small business assistance.

To what extent, in this new economy, is job readiness for continued work in job training? OEWD will need more data, but suspecting by looking at other places that jobs like hospitality will be down for sometime due to travel restrictions and people's preferences for traveling.

With the addition to parklets and dining parklets during the pandemic, what will happen when things start to open and there is more need of parking? Katherine will need to find more information regarding plans for parking.

7. An Overview of MOHCD's FY 2021-2022 Community Development Services RFP (*Discussion Item*)

- a. Brian Cheu provides update of the Community Development Services RFP. MOHCD issued the RFP on March 8, 2021. MOHCD Director, Eric Shaw, presented and received approval from the Mayor on March 5, 2021. MOHCD is providing technical assistance resources for the RFP; three informational RFP sessions, one workshop on proposal budgets, one-on-one technical assistance for organizations with agency budgets at \$100,000 and less, and office hours for applicants staffed by MOHCD. We will need to have everything submitted by June 1st for the Mayor's budget. For current grantees, and those who were not recommended for funding, in the last RFP, will provide supplemental questions specific to recovery. Others who have not submitted a proposal in the last RFP will submit a full grant proposal. The Strategies are similar to the RFP in 2019. After discussion with the Mayor's Office and following the ERFT recommendations, we will need to prioritize direct services and recovery areas.
- b. Pierre Stroud provided an overview of MOHCD's connections with four ERTF policy recommendations with the Community Development's program areas funding: Invest in Housing, Pursue Economic Justice, Meet the Basic Needs of the Vulnerable, and Job Connections. Selected program outcomes are included in the RFP appendix to connect MOHCD's 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan to the ERFT policy recommendations to ensure coordinated recovery for San Francisco. When agencies apply or reapply to strategy, it would still be a part of the consolidated plan. But when they reapply, we see how they apply to the recovery plan.

Members discussed.

How do you access agencies as they apply? We will be comparing the same set of their performance in FY 2019-20 and what they have reported so far in FY 2020.

Where are we at with the conversation regarding funding for the African American/Black communities? In this current RFP we are highlighting intersectionality. We asking organizations, do you understand the communities? How will you address the disparities? We are investing in Executive Directors, immigration networks, eviction prevention providers, and other leadership groups that have been in direct contact with our director.

Our current investments are currently closer to \$59 Million, which is our baseline funding. We are asked to make large cuts, but we are hoping that it will not be as much when we account for other funding sources for COVID response related from Cares Act, and

eviction prevention, capital improvements that are covid specific such as HVAC improvements and pexiglass dividers.

The difference is that the meeting with the mayor will happen before the public hearing of the Budget Hearing. Brian and Mike will reach out to CCCD members, three meetings in May. Public hearing and the recommendations will occur likely on zoom with pre-registration.

As we are reading and scoring, it would not be so subjective on the budget? We are looking at their budget and how it makes sense to their proposed program, and how they can handle the program.

Capacity of organizations to perform, some staff may not have the capacity to report on multiple programs. Will the agencies have the support and build capacity to report on various city department programs? It is crucial to note that some agencies might have issues reporting if they did not know how to? MOHCD is working with the Mayor's budget office for using a shared recommendation form so that we are communicating as some organizations are funded between OEWD and MOHCD.

Are there reporting requirements provided in the RFP? First the agencies would look at the specific details on the program strategies, and then review the key program outcomes in the appendix.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment at 7:08 p.m.