

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – May 25, 2011
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165 A - 2nd Floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Cox at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioners

Present: Rogenia Cox, CHAIR
Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR
Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner
Bobby Bliatout, Commissioner
Connor Murphy, Commissioner
Daniel Payne, Commissioner

Staff

Present: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development
Kathy Cornell, Recording Secretary

Absent: Craig Scharton, Assistant Director
Development and Resource Management

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Claudia Cázares, Manager, Housing and Community Development requested that Item 5 be presented after Item 4. No objection was received from the Commissioners.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 27 and May 11, 2011 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING A NEW SIGNATORY FOR EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING EQUITY AND GROWTH IN NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM.

Claudia Cázares, Manager, Housing and Community Development Division presented the report to the Commissioners. No questions were asked by the Commissioners. No public comment was provided.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Vice-Chair Rodriguez.

Second: Commissioner Payne seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Einsidler, Bliatout, Murphy
Noes: None
Abstain: None

2. RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2011 LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,150,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS.

Claudia Cázares, Manager, Housing and Community Development presented the report to the Commissioners. Ms. Cázares informed the Commissioners that there had been a revision to the Staff Report reducing the eligible funding amount to \$2,475,000. Commissioner Bliatout clarified the application date of June 10. Ms. Cázares confirmed that the City is applying for the grant and if received, will start working on it by October 2011. The City should be notified by August or September 2011 if the grant is secured. Vice-Chair Rodriguez asked why Centro La Familia and FIRM were chosen to receive these grant funds. Ms. Cázares stated Centro La Familia and FIRM have contacts in the community and have been working on the current Lead Hazard Grant and have experience doing these activities with success. FIRM and Centro La Familia are part of the Lead collaborative who meet monthly and have outreach programs training families about lead- base paint. Chair Cox asked if they had a health educator on staff or do they collaborate with the county health staff. Ms. Cázares stated that they had trained staff that have gone through Lead Hazard workshops and have received the IPM (Integrated pest management) grant. Bobbie Parks, H.E.A.T. for Southwest Fresno Community asked if the money is targeted to low income areas where homes have been built in the sixties and that you communicate with the community on how to protect and educate the public about Lead Base Paint. Ms. Parks inquired how do you teach the family about Lead Base Paint when it is already in the home and what is the money used for. Ms. Cázares stated trained staff pass out welcome kits that educate how to identify lead hazards and the proper disposal of paint chips from peeling paint. Sara Pomare, Grant Writer, said lead is especially dangerous to children under six years of age and that is why HUD is targeting this age group. Brunette Harris, H.E.A.T. for Southwest Fresno Community expressed her concern with the amount of operating funds being requested for the grant doing is painting. Commissioner Bliatout stated that there was not enough money as expressed by Ms. Cázares to abate the house of lead base paint but a grant is being offered to make the homes lead safe. Commissioner Murphy stated he at one time was certified in Lead Base Paint removal and the safest thing is to leave it where it is.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Commissioner Payne

Second: Commissioner Bliatout seconded the motion.
 Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Einsidler, Murphy
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None

3. RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2011 HEALTHY HOMES PRODUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS.

Claudia Cázares, Manager, Housing and Community Development presented the report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Murphy asked if this grant could target mold. Ms. Cázares confirmed the grant could be used for mold, pest infestation, mildew and Lead Base Paint removal if we didn't secure the previous grant. This program also targets educating the community on how to keep families healthy in their homes. Vice-Chair Rodriguez asked about the 10% match requirement from EOC (Economic Opportunity Commission) and inquired if they would be sub-contracting. Ms. Cázares stated they will not be sub-contracting with us they will be having their own contractors and using their own funds. When reporting to HUD we will report our partner expenses as a match. No public comments were provided.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Vice-Chair Rodriguez.

Second: Commissioner Payne seconded the motion.
 Ayes: Cox, Einsidler, Bliatout, Murphy
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None

4. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED REHABILITATION OF 129 N. COLLEGE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93701 (APN 459-311-10) IN THE FREEWAY-99 GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA:
 1. ADOPT A FINDING OF A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION PER STAFF DETERMINATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 CLASS 1, SECTION 15303 CLASS 3 AND SECTION 15304 CLASS 4 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 129 NORTH COLLEGE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93701.

2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO AND THE STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 129 N. COLLEGE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93701.
3. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO AND THE COALITION FOR URBAN RENEWAL EXCELLENCE (CURE) FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING/CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO A HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM WITH FRESNO CITY COLLEGE INVOLVING THE REHABILITATION OF 129 N. COLLEGE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93701.

Chair Cox stated that item 4 was presented at the last HCDC meeting May 25, 2011. Chair Cox recused herself leaving the Commission without a quorum on May 25, 2011, and Item D4 now is being re-submitted for approval. Claudia Cázares, Manager, Housing and Community Development stated she was advised after the last meeting that due to Chair Cox recusing herself it left the Commission without a quorum and was also advised it would be wise for Chair Cox to leave the room until Item 4 was voted on. Chair Cox left the room until voting was completed.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Commissioner Payne.

Second: Commissioner Conner seconded the motion.
 Ayes: Rodrigues, Einsidler, Bliatout, Murphy
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

Crystal Smith, Budget Management Studies Department presented the report to the Commissioners. Chair Cox opened the Public Hearing. Brunette Harris, H.E.A.T. for Southwest Fresno Community objected to the Annual Action Plan Draft stating they have asked City Staff on several occasions that they are to be notified and it is on record. Ms. Harris stated that they did not receive notification. Ms. Harris stated that the Public Hearing should not be in this room because our community doesn't know anything about this meeting, and that the Public Hearing should be held in her community so they could have input and this is not happening. Commissioner Payne asked Ms. Harris what would be her recommendation for the Commissioners. Ms. Harris stated that if they are going to ask HUD to act upon the Item that they should have community meetings since she believes staff did not do that. Vice-Chair Rodriguez stated to Ms. Harris that the HCDC meeting was a Public Hearing. Ms. Harris stated it does not meet the requirement due to the lack of community input. Ms. Harris stated items come to the City are passed and the community hear about it last and that is not the way HUD sets up their programs. Bobbie Parks, H.E.A.T. for Southwest Fresno Community also stated that more community input is needed. Ms. Smith stated HUD regulations had been followed and she has personally met with H.E.A.T. for Southwest Fresno Community three times. Ms. Smith presented a letter from Brunette Harris stating "do not send her another document" so Ms. Smith honors her request. Ms. Smith explained the strategic plan and the action plan to the Commissioners for clarification also pointing out on page two of the action plan the Summary of Citizen Participation opportunities available before this Public Hearing. HUD San Francisco and Washington have provided Crystal Smith with a letter stating that the City of Fresno is in fact following its regulations of citizen participation. Ms. Smith provided clarification to Chair Cox on the HOPWA Funds.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Commissioner Bliatout.

Second: Vice-Chair Rodriguez seconded the motion.
 Ayes: Cox, Rodrigues, Einsidler, Bliatout
 Noes: None
 Abstain: Murphy

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **June 08, 2011.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest: Rogenia Cox, CHAIR

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development