

10x10 Affordable Housing Blue Ribbon Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 10:30 a.m.
Fresno City Hall
2600 Fresno Street, Meeting Room 3078
Fresno, California 93721

Committee Members Present: Sara Hedgpeth-Harris, League of Woman Voters
Sharon Stanley, FIRM
Tony Miranda, Habitat for Humanity
Brian Domingos, Sol Development
Preston Prince, Executive Director, Fresno Housing Authority
Bonnie Rusko, Center for Independent Living, DAV
Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes
Jose Luis Barraza (by phone)

City Staff Present: Claudia Cázares, Housing and Community Development Division Manager
Corrina Nunez, Housing and Community Development Division, Project
Manager
See Moua, City of Fresno, Council Assistant, District 3

Members Absent: Cynthia Sterling, Co-Chair, Fresno City Council President, District #3
Keith Bergthold, Co-Chair, Interim City of Fresno Planning and Development
Department Director
Dennis Woods, United Security Bank
Veda Stamps, The Ramsey Group
Robert Lutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 MEETING MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were approved as presented.

III. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR HOUSING TRUST FUND DOLLARS

Jeffrey Roberts opened a discussion in regards to the possibility of funding a new housing development project with Housing Trust Fund monies, and what is needed to get a new project approved for those funds. Claudia Cázares and Corrina Nunez responded that, per the regulation of the Housing Trust Fund program, the 10 x 10 Committee and staff would have to prepare a new program plan for the current fiscal year, the housing development project would have to submit a funding application and the 10 x 10 Committee would have to approve the project for funding as a recommendation to Council.

Sara Hedgepeth-Harris informed the committee that she believed previous consensus amongst the group was to not spend any Housing Trust Fund monies until additional revenue sources were identified and approved, and the Trust was growing. Preston Prince also commented that in the current fiscal environment that the City is in, it may be prudent to spend idle Housing Trust fund monies, as any unspent monies may be seen as not needed, therefore

may be taken away from the Trust budget.

Consensus amongst the Committee was to tie in the decision on funding additional projects with the research and plan for identifying additional Trust resources and the report outcome from David Rosen and Associates.

IV. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

An accomplishments and re-strategizing meeting was announced to take place on January 13, 2010. The office of Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin, has confirmed her attendance. Committee members decided to have all sub-committees meet before the January 13, 2010 meeting to gather accomplishments to be able to present these to the Mayor on that date. Preston Prince said that he could schedule a meeting with Christ Westlake and other officials from the State of California Housing and Community Development Department to discuss the State's proposed Housing Trust Fund Program as well the proposed nation housing trust fund, and how these can be combined with the City's Housing Trust Program.

The Committee plans to discuss accomplishments as well as discuss or decide on a re-strategizing for the 10 x 10 at the January 13, 2010 meeting.

V. PRESENTATION REGARDING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INFORMATION FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BULLETIN

The presentation was held over to a future meeting.

VI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

a. DRA – HOUSING TRUST FUND REPORT; REVISED GAPS ANALYSIS REVIEW

The Housing Trust Fund sub-committee met in December 2009, and after much discussion it was decided to wait until after the re-strategizing meeting of January 2010 to discuss the future of the Housing Trust Fund.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.