

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – February 9, 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 5:10 p.m.

Commissioners

Present:	Rogenia Cox, CHAIR	Absent:	Sandy Cha, Commissioner
	Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR		Jas Singh, Commissioner
	Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner		
	Bobby Bliatout, Commissioner		

Staff

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Manager	Absent:	Craig Scharton, Director
	Housing and Community Development		Downtown and Community Revitalization
	Kathy Cornell, Recording Secretary		

B. COMMUNICATIONS

Claudia Cázares, Manager Housing and Community Development, informed Commissioners that she is researching other committees' attendance policies and will be drafting an attendance policy to present to the Commissioners.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 8, 2010, January 12, 2011 and February 2, 2011 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE COMMUNITY ON NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 3 FUNDING.

Crystal Smith, Finance/Budget & Management Studies/CDBG, presented the item at the Public Hearing to obtain public input for the record, and to be incorporated in the final application that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) application. Vice-Chair Rodriguez inquired about the notice that was published in the Fresno Bee, Saturday, February 5, 2011, and asked if that met the requirement for notice to the public. Ms. Smith stated that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, February 17, 2011, in the Council Chambers to the City Council and that would meet the public notice requirement. Ms. Smith stated that due to the urgency of the NSP3 application process, HUD has shortened the public review time from thirty (30) days to (15) days. Vice-Chair Rodriguez stated he had concerns about the publication in Saturday's Fresno Bee publication since there was no public attendance. Ms. Smith stated that the regulatory requirements will be met on February 17, 2011 in the Public Hearing in the Council Chambers. Vice-Chair Rodriguez stated he wanted the record to reflect that there was no attendance from the public. Chair Cox closed the Public Hearing.

2. RECOMMEND TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD THAT THE AGENCY AUTHORIZE \$45,000 FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED RAILROAD TRACKS ON TULARE AND KERN STREETS BETWEEN "H" AND "G" STREETS, AND MAKE FINDINGS UNDER REDEVELOPMENT LAW SECTION 33445 THAT THE AGENCY MAY PAY FOR THE COST TO INSTALL AND CONSTRUCT PUBLICALLY OWNED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHINATOWN EXPANDED REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

Adam Cleary, Redevelopment Agency presented the report to the Commission. Vice-Chair Rodriguez inquired if the project was exempt from state environmental quality review findings and reports. Mr. Cleary confirmed the project was exempt. Vice-Chair Rodriguez inquired if there were any other tracks in crossings south of Kern and if there were others that could be removed in a similar situation. Mr. Cleary stated there are other crossings but this project was prioritized by Public Works. No public comment followed.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D2 by Vice Chair Rodriguez

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

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: February 23, 2011.

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Attest: Rogenia Cox, Chair

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development