

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – August 25, 2010
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 5:06 p.m.

Commissioners

Present: Rogenia Cox, CHAIR
Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR
Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner
Jas Singh, Commissioner
Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner

Absent: Louise Bauer Davoli, Commissioner
Sandy Cha, Commissioner

Staff

Present: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development
Erica Castaneda, Recording Secretary

Absent: Craig Scharton, Director
Downtown and Community Revitalization

B. COMMUNICATIONS

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 11, 2010 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO HOME PROGRAM ASSIGNMENT/ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FRESNO AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-FRESNO APPROVING A TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012 FOR COMPLETION OF SOUTH CLARA ESTATES AN AFFORDABLE SINGLE FAMILY HOME SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SOUTHWEST FRESNO

John M. Robertson, Housing and Community Development Division provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Robertson corrected the extension date on the staff report to December 31, 2012. Mr. Robertson provided background information on the project. Habitat has aggressively worked to meet the September 30, 2010 deadline. Current market conditions, funding constraints and construction delays have caused further project delays. For the first time Habitat is selling mortgages to raise capital and is planning a large fund-raising event in September 2010. Vice Chair Rodriguez inquired about implementing penalties to CHDOs not meeting deadlines. Mr. Robertson explained that this particular agreement has no penalty clause. Commissioner Einsidler inquired about the specific delays of the project. Mr. Robertson explained that the transition from Fresno West Coalition to Habitat took much longer than expected. Vice Chair Rodriguez inquired about the effect on the project if the Commission did not approve recommendation. Claudia Cázares assisted in answering Commissioner's questions. Ms. Cázares explained that a limited amount of CHDOs are currently certified; if the project was canceled HUD will require the City to reimburse HUD from a non-federal source for funds already expended.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Vice Chair Rodriguez
Second: Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Singh, Einsidler
Noes: None
Abstain: None

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that Mayor Swearingin would be providing a presentation to Council on the City's budget on Thursday, August 26, 2010.

Ms. Cázares offered to provide a report to Commissioners on the affects of adding penalties to CHDO project contracts.

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

None

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **September 8, 2010.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Attest: Rogenia Cox, Chair

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development