

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)**  
**Meeting – May 12, 2010**  
**Fresno City Hall, Room 2165 A - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**2600 Fresno Street**  
**Fresno, California 93721**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Rodriguez at 5:04 p.m.

**Commissioners**

Present: Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR  
Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner  
Louise Bauer Davoli, Commissioner  
Jas Singh, Commissioner  
Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner  
Sandy Cha, Commissioner

Absent: Rogenia Cox, CHAIR

**Staff**

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

Absent: Keith Bergthold, Assistant Director  
Planning and Development Department

**B. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that beginning July 1, 2010 the Housing and Community Development Division will be a division of the Downtown and Community Revitalization Department and the Planning & Development Department will be renamed the Development and Resource Management Department.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 28, 2010 were approved as presented.

**D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

1. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THE AGENCY BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR A PROPERTY AT 1521 VENTURA STREET (APN 467-081-05), OWNED BY TFS INVESTMENTS, INC. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE MERGED PROJECT AREA NO. 1 (CHINATOWN EXPANDED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA)

John Raymond, Redevelopment Agency provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Raymond provided background information on the project. The Agency reached an agreement with the seller for a sales price of \$25,000. The purpose of the acquisition is to remove blight and for the future widening of Ventura Street.

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

Second: Commissioner Einsidler seconded the motion.

Ayes: Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha

Noes: None

Abstain: None

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO THE AGENCY BOARD TO CONTRACT WITH JONES AND STOKES ASSOCIATES (JSA) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE MERGER NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS' ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

David Martin, Redevelopment Agency, provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Martin provided background information on the project. The Subsequent Environmental Impact Report must analyze the changes to the project area since 1998, to determine whether new or more severe significant effects have arisen that the existing EIR did not include. JSA has extensive experience in providing environmental planning and consulting services in Fresno. The compensation for their services is not to exceed \$125,000. Mr. Martin explained that the agreement and Exhibit C will be fully executed and completed before services by consultant begin.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D2 by Commissioner Davoli  
Second: Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion.  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

**E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

None

**F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

Commissioner Cha inquired about any further information provided regarding the exclusion of Community Based Organizations from CDBG funding. Ms. Cázares informed Commissioners that a response has not been provided from the Budget and Management Studies Division.

Vice Chair Rodriguez requested Ms. Hathaway provide information regarding regulations that allow community based organizations to be excluded from CDBG funding.

**G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: **May 26, 2010.**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Attest: Rogenia Cox, Chair

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Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager  
Housing and Community Development