



SYNOPSIS

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission May 6, 2009

ROLL CALL

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Tom Burruss.

PRESENT: Burruss, Chan, Dean, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Otto, Shah, Stivers (two vacancies)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Vickie Smith, LaShelle Dozier, Lisa Bates, Tia Boatman Patterson, Christine Weichert, MaryLiz Paulson, Nick Chhotu, Cindy Cavanaugh, Tanya Tran, Ivan Greene, Karen Wallace, Marti Brown, Sandy Piekarski, Greg Wessel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair announced that items 7 and 8 would be heard together.

1. APPROVAL OF ACTION SUMMARY SYNOPSIS

The action summaries for March 18, 2009 and April 15, 2009 were approved.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

none

CONSENT

3. Contract for Continuation of Management of Mental Health Services at Halcyon Place

The Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation for the item listed above. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Burruss, Chan, Dean, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Otto, Shah, Stivers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATION

4. Report Back on Loan Committee

Christine Weichert, Assistant Director, presented the report back.

Commissioner Shah thanked staff for the work done in preparing the report back. He expressed concerns about why pre-development loans are not coming to the Loan Committee and questioned whether it may be time to consider dissolving the Committee if the volume of projects that they will review continues to be so low.

Tia Boatman Patterson, Agency Counsel, suggested that the Loan Committee may be helpful to review loan workout requests that may come up in the current economic climate.

LaShelle Dozier, Executive Director, suggested that the Committee remain in place until the end of the year and staff bring back a formal recommendation about its future at that time.

Commissioner Burruss requested that staff notify the outside member on the Loan Committee about the status of the Committee.

Commissioner Shah suggested that staff consider changing the terms and term limits at the end of the year.

Commissioner Otto commented that the process seems onerous given that the committee meets so infrequently.

BUSINESS

5. Approval of Request to Rescind John Pappas' Loan Committee Application

Vickie Smith, Agency Clerk, explained that Mr. Pappas had requested to be removed from the Loan Committee.

Commissioner Shah, the Chair of the Loan Committee, explained that Mr. Pappas was concerned about the potential for conflicts in the future and asked to be removed from the Committee.

The Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation for the item listed above. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Burruss, Chan, Dean, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Otto, Shah, Stivers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6. North Sacramento Redevelopment Area Brownfields Strategy

Marti Brown, Senior Redevelopment Planner, presented the item.

Commissioner Dean asked if this project is a continuation of the previous work done by the Agency in the El Monte Triangle area. Staff indicated that this is related and that there currently is an agreement with the State Water Board about the El Monte Triangle clean up.

The Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation for the item listed above. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Burruss, Chan, Dean, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Otto, Shah, Stivers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. 2009 Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program and Substantial Amendments to the 2008 - 2012 Consolidated Plan and 2009 Action Plan – City report
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Cindy Cavanaugh, Assistant Director, and Bruce Wagstaff from the County Department of Human Assistance, presented items 7 and 8 together.

Commissioner Chan asked if this program deals with mental health issues for homeless individuals. Staff indicated that it does include this program element.

Commissioner Burruss asked if foster youth will be included. Staff indicated that they will be included and that they are still working on the final program design.

Commissioner Shah asked if the CDBG funds and the ARRA funds described in the report are connected. Staff replied that the only connection is the Action Plan amendment.

Commission Shah asked if staff is coordinating efforts with other local jurisdictions. Staff indicated that they are also working with Citrus Heights, Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova.

Commissioner Stivers expressed concerns about the restrictions placed on the various funding sources.

Commissioner Morgan asked if this effort will be sustainable since it is only short term funding. Staff indicated that they hope there will be an opportunity to do business differently in the long term as well using this program as a model. They are hopeful that there will be longer term funding for HPRP from HUD.

John Foley from Sacramento Self Help Housing complimented staff on the work completed thus far.

The Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation for the item listed above. The votes were as follows:

AYES: Burruss, Chan, Dean, Fowler, Gore, Morgan, Otto, Shah, Stivers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) report

Tanya Tran, Program Manager of the HCV program and Mary Liz Paulson, Assistant Director, presented the item.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

La Shelle Dozier reviewed the following items:

1. Activities Calendar
2. Quarterly vacant unit turn over report
3. Quarterly report on use of public housing ARRA funds

ITEMS AND QUESTIONS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Burruss introduced his wife Debra who accompanied him to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to be conducted, Chair Burruss adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AGENCY CLERK