

Sonoma County Community Development Committee



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**Concurrent Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Oscar Chavez called the meeting to order at 10:05 and roll was called

CD Committee Members Present: Oscar Chavez, Willie Lamberson, Linda Garcia, Stephanie Hiller, Karin Davis, Betzy Chavez (arrived at 10:24am)

CDC Staff Present: Margaret Van Vliet, Executive Director; Geoffrey Ross, Assistant Executive Director; Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager; Benjamin Wickham, Affordable Housing Director; Trish Blue, Controller; Felicity Gasser, Policy and Communications Liaison; Holly Trujillo, Senior Community Development Specialist; Darrin O'Hara, Administrative Aide

Guests

Sally Walker, SAY

Korin Holda, SAY

Tim Gega, Homeless Action!

Pamela Swan, Catholic Charities

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

No Public Comments were provided for items not on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2018 Meeting

Linda Garcia moved to approve the minutes from August 15, 2018. Karin Davis seconded this motion

Ayes: Oscar Chavez, Willie Lamberson, Stephanie Hiller

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Betzy Chavez, Jessica Vega

4. Public Hearing (Concurrently with the Technical Advisory Committee)

A. FY 17-18 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Staff presented an overview and highlights from the draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Committee members asked questions about how accomplishments were measured.

B. Draft FY 19-20 Federal Funding Policies for Capital Projects

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Staff presented proposed changes to the past year's Federal Funding Policies for consideration and discussion by the committee ([see proposed changes in 9/19/2018 Hearing Packet](#)). Committee members asked how proposed changes might impact the application process and what types of projects would be eligible and prioritized. Ultimately, proposed changes would expedite the award of funding to ready-to-go projects while adhering to fair housing requirements.

Public Comment

Pamela Swan from Catholic Charities expressed that she appreciated the thoughtful discussion about representative funding and hopes that tools such as the Portrait of Sonoma County will be utilized.

Tim Gega, Homeless Action!, asked if the Commission could consider transitional housing for homeless and interim projects, such as living earth structures and tiny homes. Without mental health institutions, those who are homeless have nowhere to go.

5. Shelter Crisis Declaration – A requirement to access Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Staff discussed the anticipated availability of up to \$12 million in one-time assistance from the State of California to address the homelessness crisis in Sonoma County. To access funds, cities and counties must make a shelter crisis declaration, which involves a small adaptation to the Homeless Emergency Declaration made two months ago.

From 11:58am to 12:23pm, the CD Committee recessed for lunch.

6. Affordable Housing Director's Report on County Fund For Housing (CFH) Applicants

The Affordable Housing Director provided a brief overview of the 11 applications submitted for CFH funds and the primary three priorities of the NOFA: serving the maximum amount of people at the lowest income; leveraging public funds to the greatest extent possible and; expediting and creating new funding opportunities. Proposed CFH awards and a full staff report will be presented to the Committee in October.

7. Review Bylaws

Committee members reviewed the current bylaws and made a determination if any changes are needed at this time given the revised role of the committee following the Homeless System Redesign.

Linda Garcia moved to approve the changes to the bylaws. Willie Lamberson Seconded
Ayes: Oscar Chavez, Betzy Chavez

Noes: None

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Abstain: None

Absent: Stephanie Hiller, Jessica Vega, Karin Davis

8. Election of Officers

Linda Garcia moved to nominate Oscar Chavez for chair of the Committee and Betzy Chavez as vice chair for the September 2018 to September 2019 term. Willie Lamberson seconded this motion.

Ayes: Oscar Chavez, Betzy Chavez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Stephanie Hiller, Jessica Vega, Karin Davis

9. Adjournment

Oscar Chavez adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Trujillo, Senior Community Development Specialist