

# Sonoma County Community Development Committee



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## Public Meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2019

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Betzy Chavez called the meeting to order at 10:08am and roll was called:

CD Committee Members Present: Betzy Chavez, Jessica Vega, Willie Lamberson, Stephanie Hiller

CD Committee Members Absent: Oscar Chavez, Michael Reagan, Karin Davis, Linda Garcia

CDC Staff Present: Geoffrey Ross, Executive Director; Felicity Gasser, Federal Funding Administrator; Benjamin Wickham, Affordable Housing Director; Holly Kelley, Senior Community Development Specialist;

Guests:

Lasette Sewell, Catholic Charities

Matt Graves, Eden Housing

Mark Irving, UHC

Riley Weissenborn, MidPen Housing

Jim Wallen, PEP Housing

Mikhaela Alcasabas, MidPen Housing

Mary Stompe, Pep Housing

Andrea Osgood, Eden Housing

#### 2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

No comments were made.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2019 Meeting

The Committee did not have quorum and could not approve the September 18 minutes.

This item will be moved to the November meeting agenda.

#### 4. Update on Housing Authority Waitlist

Cynthia Meiswinkel, Intake and Occupancy Supervisor, presented the latest information on the new Housing Choice Voucher waitlist process, the number of applications, and how many households made it onto the multiple lists available. Committee members asked about the different lists, the percentage of households on the waitlist that represent protected classes, and how determinations were made between how many Housing Choice and Project Based vouchers are made available.



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### **5. Approval of FY 2020-2021 Federal Funding Policies**

Felicity Gasser, Federal Funding Administrator, presented marked-up FY 2020-2021 Funding Policies showing the changes from last year's policies and ask the committee to review their use for the FY 2020-2021 Funding Cycle. Because of the delay in making these policies available for the Committee, a formal decision will be made at the November meeting.

### **6. Public Hearing: Action Plan Amendment**

Felicity Gasser, Federal Funding Administrator, presented a proposed amendment to the Action Plan to reprogram \$900,000 from delayed projects to shovel-ready projects in need of additional funds to meet the CDBG timeliness requirements and take comments from the public.

### **7. Lunch Break (11:30AM-11:45AM)**

### **8. Public Hearing: County Fund for Housing Awards (Time Certain: 11:45AM).**

Benjamin Wickham, Affordable Housing Director, presented the staff report and proposals for awards to applicants of the County Fund for Housing. All applicants were present to make comments about the proposal and answer questions from Committee members. Because the Committee did not have enough members presents for a quorum, the decision to approve or make changes to the staff report was postponed for the November meeting.

### **9. Adjournment**

Betzy Chavez adjourned the meeting at 12:42PM.

