

Sonoma County Community Development Committee



Human Services Dept. Representative: Oscar Chavez (Chair), Tenant Representatives: Stephanie Hiller, Jessica Vega
1st Dist: Betzy Chavez (Vice Chair) 2nd Dist: Vacant 3rd Dist: Karin Davis 4th Dist: Willie Lamberson 5th Dist: Linda Garcia
Executive Director: Margaret Van Vliet

CD Committee Tour Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Minutes

CD Committee Members Present: Oscar Chavez, Willie Lamberson, Linda Garcia, Stephanie Hiller, Betzy Chavez

CD Committee Members Absent: Jessica Vega, Karin Davis

CDC Staff Present: Geoffrey Ross, Interim Executive Director; Janelle Wetzstein, Policy & Communications Liaison; Holly Kelley, Senior Community Development Specialist; Maria Contreras, Affordable Housing Finance Specialist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Oscar Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM and staff and present committee members boarded the van at 9:14am.

2. Drive Past Former Valley of the Moon Children's Home (9:30AM)

The Committee and staff discussed what makes publicly owned buildings ideal or not ideal for affordable housing developments.

3. Tour of Feters/Celestina (10:00AM)

Kim, the Property Manager of Feters and the future Celestina Project, showed committee members the inside of a three-bedroom unit and the outside of the Celestina facility (still under construction). Committee members asked what kinds of services are brought to residents from outside. Kim said they would be open to service providers utilizing the community room for such purposes.

4. Tour of Valley Oaks Apartments (10:46AM)

Marie, property manager at Valley Oaks and Meg, a tenant, described what it was like living at the Valley Oaks Apartments community.

5. Lunch Break – 11:30AM-1:00PM

6. Tour of Broadway – 1:35PM

The Committee saw the lot on which the Altamira Family Apartments will be built. Construction is estimated to begin in fall 2019

7. La Luz Center (1:45PM)

Juan Hernandez, Executive Director of the La Luz Center, gave Committee members and CDC staff a tour of the La Luz Center, talked about the many services offered by the Center and answered Committee questions about programs and partnerships.

8. Adjournment

The Committee arrived back at the CDC office and Oscar Chavez adjourned the tour at 3:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Kelley, Senior Community Development Specialist