Public Hearing
Concurrent with Cities and Towns Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Oscar Chavez called the meeting to order at 10:04AM and roll was called
CD Committee Members Present: Karin Davis, Willie Lamberson, Linda Garcia, Oscar Chavez
CD Committee Members Absent: Betzy Chavez, Stephanie Hiller, Jessica Vega,
CDC Staff Present: Geoffrey Ross, Assistant Executive Director; Felicity Gasser, Federal Funding Administrator; Angela Morgan, Affordable Housing Finance Associate; Valerie Johnson, Asset Management and Compliance Specialist; Darrin O’Hara, Administrative Aide; Maria Contreras, Affordable Housing Finance Specialist; Holly Trujillo, Senior Community Development Specialist
Guests Present:
Michelle Edwards, Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma County
Caterina G, Catholic Charities
Colleen Carmichael, Reach for Home
Jenna Garcia, City of Rohnert Park
Mark Krug, Burbank Housing
Bert Bangsberg, Catholic Charities
Lake Kowell, Disability Services and Legal Center
Stephen Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg
Eileen Berry, Exchange Bank
Pamela Swan, Catholic Charities

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda
Michelle Edwards, Executive Vice President of the Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma County thanked the Committee for their support of public projects and highlighted the benefits of the Boys & Girls Club for low income families throughout Sonoma and Marin counties. She expressed that the Boys & Girls Club owns several buildings throughout Sonoma County that would be a fit for Capital Projects funding and would look forward to working with the Committee in the future on these projects.
3. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2019 Meeting
Linda Garcia moved to approve the minutes from the March 20th meeting, Willie Lamberson seconded.
Ayes: Karin Davis, Oscar Chavez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Betzy Chavez, Stephanie Hiller, Jessica Vega

4. Committee Member Report Out: Fair Housing Conference Take-Aways
This item was moved to May agenda because participants of conference were not present.

5. Staff Report: Transfer of Successor Agency Funds from City of Sonoma to Commission for Administration
Angela Morgan presented an informational item on the transfer of successor agency funds from the City of Sonoma to the CDC for administration.

The public hearing was opened at 10:13am

Felicity Gasser, Federal Funding Administrator, provided a summary of the draft action plan which contains staff determinations of funding eligibility of applications that were presented to the Committees in February. The requirement that applicants be present for the Hearing was waived. The draft Action Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 30th.

Some notable changes staff highlighted were:

City of Rohnert Park withdrew their request for $73,000 for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. This money is being transferred to the Sebastopol Bodega Highway improvement in lieu of using program income funds for this project.

Staff is recommending that we fund a comprehensive program between Legal Aid and Fair Housing Advocates. Staff will meet with each of the applicants to discuss filling the gaps identified at the last meeting. Staff will not make a final determination about contracts but for a full program staff recommends a combined award.

Linda Garcia asked if the Home Sonoma County Leadership Council would dissolve after the allocation of HEAP dollars. Geoffrey Ross, Assistant Executive Director responded that the Leadership Council will continue.

Public Comment
Frank Bell, General Manager at the Sea Ranch, expressed the importance of the Sea Ranch roof repair project. He appreciated the comments made and efforts to bring this project forward in summer upon approval of funding.

Oscar Chavez expressed his appreciation to staff for listening to concerns on disability and on the solution for bringing fair housing partners together in a commitment to collective action.

Henry Mikus, City of Sebastopol, expressed that this year was different from previous years. More user friendly and engaging and able to do better because of the information we were given. The community is very pleased with what has happened and staff efforts were appreciated.

7. **Discussion: Committee Calendar**
   Felicity Gasser reviewed plans to hold offsite meetings in different areas of the County in the summer, including Sonoma and West County.

   Committee members expressed interest in partnering with the newly formed municipal advisory committees (MACs) in Sonoma Valley and West County.

8. **Adjournment**

   Oscar Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:48AM

   Respectfully submitted,
   Holly Trujillo, Senior Community Development Specialist