



Cities & Towns Advisory Committee
Sonoma County Community Development Commission

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
10:0 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Svanstrom;
Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Committee Members Present

Kevin Thompson (Cloverdale)
Noah Housh (Cotati)
Stephen Sotomayor (Healdsburg)
Jenna Garcia (Rohnert Park)
Kari Svanstrom, Chair (Sebastopol)
Patrick Streeter, Vice Chair (Windsor)

Vacant Seat

Sonoma

CDC Staff Present

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Manager
Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager
Valerie Johnson, Community Development Associate
Laurie Dinwiddie, Community Development Specialist
Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide
Susan Vahlstrom, Executive Secretary

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Duane DeWitt

3. Approval of April 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Stephen Sotomayor moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Noah Housh.

Public comments:

Duane DeWitt

Ayes

Chair Svanstrom
Noah Housh
Kevin Thompson
Stephen Sotomayor
Jenna Garcia
Patrick Streeter

Motion passed

4. Executive Director's Report

Michelle Whitman shared a presentation prepared by the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) detailing the General Obligation Bond in November, 2023, to fund the 3Ps that concern affordable housing. Elderberry Commons is in the design and permitting phase to transition to Permanent Supportive Housing and should be ready for occupancy in March. All previous occupants have landed in permanent housing.

Public comments:

Duane DeWitt

5. Review of Sonoma County Funding Policies for Federal and Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds

Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Associate, shared a presentation and answered questions from Committee members.

Public comments:

Duane De Witt

6. Items Board Members Would Like Placed on a Future Agenda

Chair Svanstrom would like updates on BAFHA as a standing item. Noah Housh would like to explore housing element support for cities from the CDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.