



Human Services Department Representative: Oscar Chavez, Tenant Representatives: Judith Morgan, Nicky McDermott
1st District: *Vacant* | 2nd District: Jake Mackenzie (Chair) | 3rd District: Chris Borr
4th District: Teddie Pierce | 5th District: Linda Garcia | Interim Executive Director: Rhonda Coffman

**Sonoma County Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting Concurrently with the
Cities & Towns Advisory Committee**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 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 Mackenzie;
Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Community Development Committee Members Present

Jake Mackenzie, Chair (2nd District)
Teddie Pierce (4th District)
Linda Garcia (5th District)
Michelle Bendyk (Human Services Department Representative)
Judy Morgan (Tenant Representative)
Nicky McDermott (Tenant Representative) arrived at 10:09 a.m.

Community Development Committee Member Absent

Chris Borr, Vice Chair (3rd District)

Vacant Seat

1st District

CDC Staff Present

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Manager
Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager
Tracy Becker, Program Compliance Supervisor
Nadia Curiel, Occupancy Supervisor
Dot Iriks, Housing Navigator/Special Programs Supervisor
Cynthia Meiswinkel, Intake Supervisor
Valerie Johnson, Community Development Associate

Krista Fotou, Finance Specialist
Madison Murray, Senior Community Development Specialist
Laurie Dinwiddie, Community Development Specialist
Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide
Susan Vahlstrom, Executive Secretary

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Duane De Witt

3. Approval of April 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Public comments:

Duane De Witt

Teddie Pierce moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Nicky McDermott.

Ayes

Jake Mackenzie
Teddie Pierce
Linda Garcia
Judy Morgan
Nicky McDermott

Absent

Chris Borr

Abstain

Linda Garcia
Michelle Bendyk

Motion passed

4. Executive Director's Report

Michelle Whitman reported that on June 9, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation of County Administrator Christina Rivera of an allocation in the FY 2023-24 budget of \$7.7 million for the backbone infrastructure in the Tierra de Rosas project. Chair Coursey committed an additional \$2 million in District infrastructure funding for a total of \$9.7 million. June 15 was the 1-year anniversary of the Mitote Food Court. She reminded the Committee that the CDC will be moving to new office space before next May, when the current lease expires. She gave an update on the Project Homekey projects: Elderberry Commons in Sebastopol is getting ready to start construction to become permanent supportive housing; George's Hideaway in Monte Rio is in the process of becoming ready for occupancy. Michelle thanked the CDC staff for their warm welcome since she started on April 18.

Public comments:

Duane De Witt

5. Housing Authority Update

Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager, shared a presentation with statistics for Number of Households Housed, Program Growth, Housing Choice Voucher Cumulative Leasing, and Cumulative Annual Funding Spent. She then introduced her four Housing Authority Supervisors and answered questions from Committee members.

Public comments:

Duane De Witt

6. Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funding Recommendations

Krista Fotou, Finance Specialist, shared a presentation detailing the FY 2023-24 funding recommendations and answered questions from Committee members.

Public comments:

Duane De Witt

Linda Garcia moved to approve the staff's recommendations for Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding; seconded by Jake Mackenzie.

Ayes

Jake Mackenzie
Teddie Pierce
Linda Garcia
Michelle Bendyk
Judy Morgan
Nicky McDermott

Absent

Chris Borr

Motion passed

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.