

MEETING MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)

January 13, 2016
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165-A (2nd Floor)
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721

Commission Members Present:

Bob Farrar, Chairperson
Barbara Fiske, Vice Chairperson
Barry Falke, Commissioner
Brad Hardie, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Bob Reyes, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

José Trujillo, Manager Housing and
Community Development Division
Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP,
Director Development and Resource
Management Department

Staff Members Present:

Tracy Parvanian, Deputy City Attorney
III, City Attorney's Office
Bonnie Christian, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Farrar at 5:13 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Commissioner Bob Reyes was not present.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Falke made a motion to approve the agenda for January 13.
SECONDED: Vice-Chair Fiske
AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice-Chair Fiske, and Commissioners Falke and Hardie
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the HCDC meeting of November 3, 2015 to be approved.

Chair Farrar explained that there were a couple of corrections made to the HCDC meeting minutes of November 3. He then asked for a motion for approval.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Fiske made a motion to approve the HCDC meeting minutes of November 3.

SECONDED: Commissioner Hardie

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice-Chair Fiske, Commissioners Falke and Hardie

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

F. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Public Hearing on Anticipated Housing and Community Development Needs for FY 2016-2017. (No Commission action will be taken on this item.)

Mr. José Trujillo, Housing Division Manager, stated he would like to make a few changes to the staff report. On the second page, under Annual Action Plan, the fourth line down, the words “and accomplishments” is to be omitted. Under the next paragraph, the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), the last sentence, beginning with “The Summary of Program Performance,” is to be omitted. That information was provided to the Commission on September 9, 2015, during the workshop on the CAPER, before it was submitted to HUD. He gave an apology and stated that the entire sheet, Exhibit E, will be revised.

Mr. Trujillo gave a presentation on the City’s being a recipient of annual federal entitlement program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He went over the requirements, including preparing an Annual Action Plan, detailing program expenditures and the benefits to low- and moderate-income persons. He explained that the public hearing on this evening would be to initiate the Annual Action Plan process for fiscal year 2016-2017, by assessing community needs through public participation. He went over what some of the funds are used for, then listed the estimated funding for the fiscal year: CDBG, \$6,279,000; HOME, \$1,663,200; ESG, \$559,850; HOPWA, \$383,139. He continued, describing HUD’s requirements and the reports.

Chair Farrar described how the Public Hearing would proceed. He then opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. José Leon-Barraza, the CEO of the Southeast Fresno Community Economic Development Association, spoke, stating that recently a report or study was conducted along the Ventura-Kings Canyon corridor to assess the needs of the community in the area of community development. A report has been completed and submitted to the City of Fresno. He elaborated on what was needed in the community.

Ms. Diane Smith, with HEAT for Southwest Fresno, spoke regarding HEAT members having been present at many meetings held by the HCDC, Planning Commission, and other commissions and boards, for many years. She said that all the promises made to HEAT for Southwest Fresno by the Redevelopment Agency, which no longer exists because there is now a successor agency, and

other issues that were supposed to be taken care of have not transpired. She continued, describing other issues in the community and outstanding monies not being resolved.

Ms. Luisa Medina spoke about the timeline of meetings and happenings, and she wants clarity as to where and how residents of this community can have input into this process beyond on this evening. She voiced concerns about how the overall process plays into improving neighborhoods within the CDBG areas, and the intent of the City to restore, protect, and preserve older neighborhoods, as identified through the General Plan, and asked when that will happen.

Chair Farrar closed the Public Hearing.

Discussion continued regarding community needs being identified, and the CDBG funding. Director Jennifer Clark explained how the scoring process and those chosen for the NOFA takes place.

G. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Ms. Clark went over in detail the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, pointing out there will be a survey and a public comment period, and that there will be a consultant working with the City.

H. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion regarding when the City would be getting back to Ms. Diane Smith about her questions and concerns.

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is on **January 27, 2016.**

Bob Farrar, HCDC Chairperson

José Trujillo, Manager Housing and
Community Development Division