

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)**

June 29, 2016  
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165-A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721

**Commission Members Present:**

Bob Farrar, Chairperson  
Barbara Fiske, Vice Chairperson  
Brad Hardie, Commissioner  
Marina Harutyunyan, Commissioner  
Bob Reyes, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:**

Barry Falke, Commissioner

**Staff Members Present:**

Kelli Furtado, Assistant Director  
Development and Resource  
Management Department  
Tracy Parvanian, Deputy City Attorney  
III, City Attorney's Office  
Dan Casey, Project Manager  
Bonnie Christian, Recording Secretary

**Staff Members Absent:**

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFFP, Director  
Development and Resource Management  
Department

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Farrar at 5:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Chair Farrar took roll call. Commissioner Falke was not present. Chair Farrar welcomed the HCDC's new commissioner Ms. Marina Harutyunyan.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the Agenda for June 29.

SECONDED: Commissioner Hardie

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice Chair Fiske, Commissioners Hardie, Harutyunyan, and Reyes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of March 23, 2016 to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the HCDC meeting minutes of March 23, 2016.

SECONDED: Commissioner Hardie

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice Chair Fiske, Commissioners Hardie, Harutyunyan, and Reyes

NOES: None

- 2) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of April 27, 2016 to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the HCDC meeting minutes of April 27, 2016.

SECONDED: Commissioner Hardie

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice Chair Fiske, Commissioners Hardie, Harutyunyan, and Reyes

NOES: None

- 3) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of May 11, 2016 to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the HCDC meeting minutes of May 11, 2016.

SECONDED: Vice Chair Fiske

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice Chair Fiske, Commissioners Hardie, Harutyunyan, and Reyes

NOES: None

## **F. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

- 1) Actions pertaining to Emergency Solutions Grant Funding:

1. Recommend approval of funding to Marjaree Mason Center in an amount not to exceed \$238,927;
2. Recommend approval of funding to Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission in an amount not to exceed \$60,994;
3. Recommend approval of funding to WestCare California in an amount not to exceed \$213,094

Ms. Kelli Furtado, Assistant Director Development and Resource Management Department, introduced the new Project Manager for the Housing Division, Mr. Dan Casey, stating that he will be presenting Item F-1. Chair Farrar welcomed Mr. Casey.

Mr. Casey introduced himself and gave a presentation on the allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, which have been approved in the City's Annual Action Plan, previously reviewed by the Housing and Community Development Commission, and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Casey summarized the staff report and explained the steps that have been taken to date, adding that in addition to the item before the HCDC, the HUD allocation for Program Year 2016 included additional allocations for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and City of Fresno administration.

Mr. Casey also informed the HCDC that the City previously awarded over \$500,000 from its General Fund for homeless-related efforts. The recipients of these General Funds included Project Unite, a collaboration between WestCare California, Turning Point, the Poverello House, and the Fresno EOC (\$420,000), the Poverello House (\$50,000), and the Fresno EOC (\$50,000). In conclusion, Mr. Casey stated the combined funding will assist in serving both new and existing individuals in need.

Chair Farrar asked if there were any public comments. Ms. Furtado clarified that while Mr. Casey provided information on several related items, it is important to note that just the three items listed in F-1 were under consideration by the HCDC. Deputy City Attorney Tracy Parvanian indicated that the service agencies had representatives in the audience and they are best qualified to answer detailed questions, if any.

Vice Chair Fiske requested clarification regarding the Fresno EOC youth outreach efforts. Ms. Misty Gattie Blanco, Program Manager for Fresno EOC under Sanctuary and Youth Services, spoke, stating that Fresno EOC has many programs, one being a street outreach program geared towards homeless youth. The money through ESG street outreach is used to target chronically homeless individuals.

Chair Farrar asked to entertain a motion for Item F-1.

MOTION: Commissioner Hardie made a motion to recommend approval of Item F-1.

SECONDED: Commissioner Reyes

AYES: Chair Farrar, Vice Chair Fiske, Commissioners Hardie, Harutyunyan, and Reyes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **G. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

None.

## **H. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Chair Farrar again welcomed Commissioner Harutyunyan and asked her to share some information about herself, and a brief comment on her background and experience. Commissioner Harutyunyan introduced herself and detailed some of her background and travels.

## **I. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is on **July 13, 2016.**

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Bob Farrar, HCDC Chairperson

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Kelli Furtado, Assistant Director  
Development and Resource Management