

MEETING MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)

May 10, 2017
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165-A (2nd Floor)
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721

Commission Members Present:

Barbara Fiske, Chairperson

Marina Harutyunyan, Commissioner

Debra McKenzie, Commissioner

Bob Reyes, Commissioner

Bob Farrar, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Brad Hardie, Vice Chairperson

Barry Falke, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP, Director
Development and Resource
Management Department
Resource Management Department
Kelli Furtado, Assistant Director
Development and Resource
Management Department
Tracy Parvanian, Supervising Deputy
City
Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Staff Members Present:

Thomas Morgan, Housing Manager
Susie Williams, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Fiske at 5:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Fiske took roll call. All Commissioners were present.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the Agenda for May 10.

SECONDED: Commissioner Reyes

AYES: Chair Fiske, Commissioners Harutyunyan, McKenzie, Reyes, and
Farrar.

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Vice Chair Hardie and Falke.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Pushed to next meeting.

F. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - Action Item ID17-677 – Actions pertaining to the City of Fresno 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

Kelli Furtado, Development and Resource Management Department Assistant Director provided a staff presentation and recommendation that given the uncertainty of the federal budget and announcement of HUD allocations, the HCDC recommend to the City Council that this item be continued. Staff will produce a redline version of a revised draft Annual Action Plan that will reflect exact allocation amounts once announced. The revised plan will have a public review process of its own. Ms. Furtado estimated that the item would be considered again in late June, pending an allocation announcement. Ms. Furtado stated the City is no longer being held to the annual due date of May 15th for submitting the plan to HUD, as HUD does not allow entitlement jurisdictions to submit the Annual Action Plan prior to the announcement of allocations.

Jennifer Clark, Development and Resource Management Department Director, asked that the HCDC hold the scheduled public hearing, close the public hearing, and then recommend continuation of this item to a future date when we have more specifics for the Annual Action Plan. Public comments will also be taken at the City Council meeting, those comments will be considered in the revised draft plan. Ms. Furtado concluded that the redline version of the revised draft Annual Action Plan will mark changes to ensure that it is very clear what will be different from the draft version to the revised draft version of the plan.

- 1) HEARING – Hearing to obtain public comments regarding implementation of the City's proposed activities with federal grant funding.

Chair Fiske announced a Public Hearing to obtain public comment regarding the implementation Cities proposed activities for Federal Grant Funding at 5:20 p.m. Upon call for public comment, the following person addressed the HCDC:

Grecia Elenes with Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability commented that she was unable to provide a written comment letter on time, but plans to do so in time for the next public comment period related to the Annual Action Plan. She outlined several really great things included in the Annual Action Plan, including aspects that were part of the City's Housing Element. Ms. Elenes was happy to see the City is taking steps to look at post-RDA properties for affordable housing. She commented on issues where she would like to see improvements also. Given the severity of poverty, the Annual Action Plan neighborhoods are low and moderate income. Ms. Elenes recommend focusing investments in low income neighborhoods only. She stated that additional funding being allocated to the Senior Paint Programs should be prioritized for basic

sidewalks and lighting improvements instead, especially given the public comments related to infrastructure and park issues. Ms. Elenes spoke to the importance of mentioning \$1 million in funds through the City's 2016-2017 budget in the leveraging section of the Annual Action Plan. Ms. Elenes also commented that there was significant community input for the Active Transportation Plan, and recommend using the matrix of projects from the Active Transportation Plan for the Annual Action Plan also. She also indicated that the City's General Plan prioritized resources in high need neighborhoods around school areas. She suggested that the City look at existing plans, and reinforce their goals through Annual Action Plan.

Chair Fiske closed the Public Hearing at 5:26 p.m. and requested input from Commissioners.

Commissioner Reyes commented that it was very helpful to have the public needs hearing comments included in the materials, and recalled testimony of residents and school representatives at the Public Needs Hearing in January. He recognized that many of the comments were reflected in the draft Annual Action Plan as projects for neighborhood street improvements, but questioned how far the funds would go to the needs identified. Commissioner Reyes confirmed that it is very valuable to have the public input as it really has value for the community to organize and express common desire for street improvements because it is addressed in the Annual Action Plan.

Commissioner Farrar discussed whether or not lighting was considered a conversion and Chari Fiske requested clarification between the definition of a collector versus neighborhood streets. Director Clark and Tom Morgan, Housing Manager, provided clarification.

Chair Fiske stated that the projects being discussed would be proposed in the budget and asked for an estimated timeline. Director Clark reviewed the approval and budget process explaining that the proposed projects could potentially take several months to begin after approval of the Annual Action Plan.

Commissioner McKenzie sought confirmation about the current Substantial Amendment process under way, and inquired whether or not the Substantial Amendment timeline would be affected by the Annual Action Plan. Ms. Furtado clarified that the Substantial Amendment timeline would not be impacted by the delay in allocations being announced.

- 2) RESOLUTION – Resolution recommended adoption of the Fiscal 2018 Annual Action Plan approving submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for application of the Community Development Block Grants home investment partnerships, emergency solution grant and housing opportunities for persons with Aids, HIV program funds provided for several receipt agreements and authorizing the City Manager to sign all implementing documents required by HUD as approved to form by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Commissioner Fiske made a motion to continue the item.

SECONDED: Commissioner Reyes.

AYES: Chair Fiske, Commissioners Harutyunyan, McKenzie, Reyes, and

Farrar.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Vice Chair Hardie and Falke.

G. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Director Clark reviewed the Parks Master Plan information meeting schedule being held in each of the Council Districts.

H. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Chair Fiske announced that the Fresno Juneteenth Celebration will be held June 17, 2017 followed by a Fresno Grizzlies game honoring the Fresno Tigers on June 24, 2017.

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 5:40 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is June 14, 2017.

Barbara Fiske, HCDC Chairperson

Kelli Furtado, Assistant Director
Development and Resource Management