



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final Housing and Community Development Commission

Chair Barbara Fiske

Vice Chair Brad Hardie

Commissioners:

*Barry Falke, Bob Farrar, Marina Harutyunyan, Bob
Reyes, Debra McKenzie*

Staff:

*Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP, DARM Director; Kelli
Furtado, Assistant DARM Director; Susie Williams,
Recording Secretary*

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

5:00 PM

Fresno City Hall, 2nd Floor
Room 2165N (Conference
Room A)

Regular Session

A) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Commissioner Bob Farrar, Chairperson Barbara Fiske,
Commissioner Barry Falke, Commissioner Marina
Harutyunyan, Commissioner Bob Reyes, and Commissioner
Debra McKenzie

C) COMMUNICATIONS

None

D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Farrar, seconded by Commissioner
McKenzie, that the above be approved. The motion carried by the
following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Farrar, Chairperson Fiske, Commissioner Falke, Commissioner Harutyunyan and Commissioner McKenzie

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

E) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID17-995](#) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of March 22, 2017 to be approved.

On motion of Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Farrar, that the above Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Farrar, Chairperson Fiske, Commissioner Falke, Commissioner Harutyunyan and Commissioner McKenzie

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

[ID17-996](#) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of April 12, 2017 to be approved.

On motion of Commissioner Harutyunyan, seconded by Commissioner Farrar, that the above Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Farrar, Chairperson Fiske, Commissioner Harutyunyan and Commissioner McKenzie

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Falke

[ID17-997](#) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of May 10, 2017 to be approved.

On motion of Commissioner Farrar, seconded by Commissioner Harutyunyan, that the above Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Farrar, Chairperson Fiske, Commissioner Harutyunyan and Commissioner McKenzie

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Reyes

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Falke

[ID17-998](#) Minutes of the HCDC meeting of June 14, 2017 to be approved.

Minutes of the HCDC meeting of June 14, 2017 were continued due to incomplete printing and attachment error.

F) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[ID17-1001](#) Actions pertaining to the City of Fresno 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan:

1. HEARING to obtain public comments regarding implementation of the City's proposed activities with federal grant funding; and
2. RESOLUTION - Adopting the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan; approving submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for application of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids/HIV (HOPWA) Program Funds; and providing for sub recipient agreements.

Kelli Furtado, Development and Resource Management Department Assistant Director presented an overview and PowerPoint related to the Annual Action Plan process and revisions in the redline version published for public comments June 29, 2017. She indicated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced allocations on June 14, 2017. Staff recommended the HCDC obtain views and comments from the public through the scheduled public hearing, and recommend approval to the Fresno City Council for the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

HEARING: Chair Fiske announced a Public Hearing to obtain views and comments from interested persons regarding the implementation of the City's proposed activities with federal grant funding at 5:18. Upon call for public comment, the following individuals addressed the HCDC.

Michelle DiBuduo, Executive Director of Valley Caregiver Resource Center (VCRC) spoke about the importance of the VCRC program that cares for caregivers. She indicated that the services offered save the State of California millions of dollars. Ms. DiBuduo requested that the HCDC

reconsidered allocating the full funding request of \$141,000 to VCRC.

Nicole Linderman, Executive Director of the Marjaree Mason Center (MMC) thanked HCDC for their support and spoke about how the recommended funding level, a decrease from previous years, would impact the MMC and their domestic violence clients. Ms. Linderman requested that the HCDC consider additional allocation to MMC.

George Hostetter, reporter with the Central Valley Observer spoke about the allocation for three streetlight improvement projects, specifically related to Highway City. He requested clarification on the process to allocate funds and how proposed activities related to a prior year project.

Chair Fiske closed the Public Hearing at 5:42 pm.

Upon request by Chair Fiske for Commissioner comments, Commissioner Falke, Farrar and Harutyunyan raised questions related to the process and staff recommendations. Jennifer Clark, Development and Resource Management Department Director reviewed the unique annual action planning process for the 2017-2018 year, impacted by the federal budget uncertainty. Director Clark outlined that staff considered public input at the Public Needs Hearing, various Public Hearings, written comments received, the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City's recently adopted budget, and more. She reviewed the timeline and stated that staff advanced the HCDC's recommendations in April, allowed for a public comment period while awaiting HUD's announcement of the City's allocation in June 2017. Director Clark reviewed that a redlined version was produced on June 29, 2017 which was made available for another period of public comment and that is the document being considered by the HCDC.

Commissioners requested that staff address questions related to the Highway City projects. Ms. Furtado indicated that the prior year project in Highway City was addressed separately through Substantial Amendment 2017-02 which was considered by the HCDC in June 2017. This was a reprogramming of funds, and not associated with the activities for Highway City included in the proposed 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan. Furthermore, there was not a commitment to invest those funds for another activity into infrastructure in Highway City for the same dollar amount.

Commissioner Farrar requested additional clarification related to the public infrastructure and improvements, specifically unallocated funds as well as capacity issues for additional lighting improvements. Commissioner McKenzie requested information related to the BMX activity. Director Clark clarified that it is a high priority recommendation resulting from the Southwest Specific Plan process, and the location is to be determined at a location in Southwest Fresno. Commissioner Falke requested that staff review the extensive outreach efforts recently conducted for the redline version of the Annual Action Plan. Commissioners Falke and Reyes expressed their frustration with the process that resulted in staff recommendations reflected in the June 29th publication of the redline version of the draft plan. Commissioner McKenzie requested that staff work on sharing other activities and considerations with the HCDC in the future. Commissioner Reyes spoke to his understanding of the staffs requirements to consider the perspective of the overall budget, and also encouraged additional feedback to the HCDC that would be helpful in the future.

Chair Fiske announced a short break.

Commissioner Falke invited MMC representatives to provide clarity on additional funding needs.

MOTION: Commissioner Falke moved to recommend that staff increase the Marjaree Mason Center allocation of Emergency Solution Grant funding in the amount of \$100,000, specifically \$40,000 in the categories of Rapid Rehousing and \$60,000 in Emergency Shelter, and; decrease the recommended allocation for WestCare California proportionally.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrar.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: Commissioner Falke moved to recommend that staff increase Valley Caregiver Resource Center allocation of Community Development

Block Grant Public Service funding in the amount of \$141,000, and; decrease the City of Fresno's Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Service Department Senior Hot Meal and/or After School Program(s) by \$141,000, suggesting that the City Council consider identification of \$141,000 in general funds to provide to the Senior Hot Meal and /or After School Program(s).

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: Chair Fiske moved to recommend approval of the City of Fresno's 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan as revised.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

On motion of Chairperson Fiske, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie, that the above Action Item be recommended for approval as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Farrar, Chairperson Fiske, Commissioner Falke, Commissioner Harutyunyan, Commissioner McKenzie and Commissioner Reyes

G) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None

H) COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner McKenzie informed the HCDC that it may be her last meeting as an HCDC Commissioner. Director Clark elaborated that Commissioner McKenzie was nominated for the Planning Commission and is scheduled for confirmation on July 20, 2017. If appointed, Commissioner McKenzie will be required to resign her HCDC post.

I) UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

Ms. Furtado requested that the HCDC reconsider protocol for utilizing interpretation services at a future meeting.

J) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.