



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes

**Housing and Community Development
Commission**

Chair Barbara Fiske

Commissioners:

***Barry Falke, Bob Farrar, Marina Harutyunyan, Bob
Reyes, Chong Yang***

Staff:

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP, DARM Director

Kelli Furtado, Assistant DARM Director

Thomas Morgan, Housing Manager

Susie Williams, Recording Secretary

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

5:00 PM

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

Public Hearing

The Housing and Community Development Commission welcomes you to Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721.

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A) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fiske calls meeting to order at 5:15PM.

B) ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chairperson Barbara Fiske, Commissioner Barry Falke, Commissioner Marina Harutyunyan, Commissioner Bob Reyes, and Commissioner Chong Yang

Absent 1 - Commissioner Bob Farrar

C) COMMUNICATIONS

D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Present 5 - Chairperson Barbara Fiske, Commissioner Barry Falke, Commissioner Marina Harutyunyan, Commissioner Bob Reyes, and Commissioner Chong Yang

E) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

F) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Development and Resource Management Department Assistant Director, Kelli Furtado indicated that a staff presentation was not planned due to time restraints and to allow for the audience to begin presentations as soon as possible. She indicated that the speaking order had been distributed, and thanked the public for their anticipated presentations and public comment this evening.

[ID18-0381](#) Public Hearing - FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) Applicant Presentations, Scoring, Tabulation and Ranking of Applications by Commissioners, Report on the Results of the Staff Scoring Component, and Approval of a Recommendation to the Mayor for allocating federal entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) related to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Chair Fiske welcomed members of the public and opened the Public Hearing at 5:15 pm: Public Hearing -FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant Based Rental Assistance (HOME TBRA) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) Applicant Presentations, Scoring, Tabulation and Ranking of Applications by Commissioners, Report on the Results of the Staff Scoring Component, and Approval of a Recommendation to the Mayor for allocation federal entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) related to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Chair Fiske, provided an overview of how the public hearing will commence and announced that there is a schedule of speakers that has been made available to the presenters. The HCDC will proceed in that order.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS: A total of five presentations were made in the category of facility improvements. Presenters are listed in the order in which they provided a verbal summary of their application for funding submitted by the March 1, 2018, deadline.

- 1. Laneesha Senagal with Helping Others Pursue Excellence*
- 2. Nicole Lender with Marjaree Mason Center*
- 3. Sara Mirhadi with Poverello House*
- 4. Rose Caglia with Warnors Theater*
- 5. Lynn Pimentel with WestCare California*

HOME REPAIR: A total of three presentations were made in the category of home repair. Presenters are listed in the order in which they provided a verbal summary of their application for funding submitted by the March 1, 2018, deadline.

Commissioner Harutyunyan announced that she was recusing herself. Chair Fiske elaborated to state that she was employed by Habitat for Humanity and that is the reason she would not be scoring any of the applicants in the home repair category.

1. *Vong Mouanoutoua with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission*
2. *Jerry Zuniga with Habitat for Humanity*
3. *Susan Long with Self Help Enterprises*

HOMELESSNESS/HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: A total of six presentations were made in the category of homeless and homelessness prevention. Presenters are listed in the order in which they provided a verbal summary of their application for funding submitted by the March 1, 2018, deadline.

1. *Misty Gattie-Blanco with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (ESG Funds)*
2. *Doreen Eley with Fresno Housing Authority (HOME TBRA Funds)*
3. *Nicole Lender with Marjaree Mason Center (ESG Funds)*
4. *Sara Mirhadi with Poverello House (ESG Funds)*
5. *Mary Ann Calderon Knoy with WestCare (ESG Funds)*
6. *Lynn Pimentel with WestCare - The Living Room (HOPWA Funds)*

Chair Fiske dismissed the HCDC for a short break.

Chair Fisk introduced H. Spees, Strategic Initiatives Director for Mayor Lee Brand. Mr. Spees thanked the HCDC and presenters on behalf himself and Mayor Brand. Mr. Spees expressed appreciation for the many organizations coming together to fight homelessness. Seeing those resources multiplied and then aligned so that they are part of a system not just random acts of charity, but to see hospitals, businesses, philanthropies, and faith-based organizations come together in alignment so that resources really do get targeted in a way that rapidly reduces homelessness is positive. He went on to state that Fresno has the best track record out of the west coast cities when it comes to reducing homelessness over the last 10 years. However, he takes no consolation in that because we still have about 1700 people out on the streets and that is unacceptable. Mr. Spees informed the HCDC and the public that Mayor Brand is very committed to the efforts to reduce homelessness and recently joined with the Mayors of the eleven largest cities in California in a bipartisan effort to ask the state to fund \$1.5 billion in additional resources for homelessness, this effort could generate as much

as \$20 million dollars for Fresno. Mr. Spees continued to inform the HCDC that the Mayor's Office has also engaged one of the nation's foremost experts on homelessness, Barbara Poppe. Ms. Poppe is the former executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and she is an expert on best practices from coast to coast. She has been engaged with the help of the Housing Authority. At the invitation of Mayor Brand, Ms. Poppe has specifically evaluated Fresno and will provide recommendations based on best practices and options for addressing homelessness even more effectively in our city. The Mayor's Office will continue to provide updates as that process is currently under way.

PUBLIC SERVICES: A total of five presentations were made in the category of public services. Presenters are listed in the order in which they provided a verbal summary of their application for funding submitted by the March 1, 2018, deadline.

Commissioner Hardie announced that he was recusing himself. Chair Fiske elaborated to state that Mr. Hardie is on the Lowell CDC Board of Directors and that is the reason he would not be scoring any of the applicants in the public services category.

- 1. Diane Carbray with Boys and Girls Club*
- 2. Veronica Wilson with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission*
- 3. Laneesha Senagal with Helping Others Pursue Excellence*
- 4. Esther Delahay with Lowell Community Development Corporation (Capacity Building)*
- 5. Esther Delahay with Lowell Community Development Corporation (Tenant Education)*

Upon call for additional public comment, there was none. Chair Fiske closed the Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Chair Fiske announced a 30 minute break.

At 8:39 p.m. Chair Fiske reviewed the scoring and began discussions of the HCDC funding recommendations.

The HCDC recommendations are outlined below:

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Helping Others Pursue Excellence 35,000

Marjaree Mason Center 300,000

Poverello House 45,000

Warnors Theater 0

WestCare California, Inc. 120,000

A motion to approve the facility improvement recommendations above was made by Vice Chair Hardie, seconded by Commissioner Reyes. The motion was approved unanimously.

HOME REPAIR

Commissioner Harutyunyan recused herself.

Fresno EOC 285,000

Habitat for Humanity 215,000

Self-Help Enterprises 0

A motion to approve the home repair recommendations above was made by Commissioner Falke, seconded by Vice Chair Hardie. The motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Harutyunyan returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Vice Chair Hardie recused himself.

Boys and Girls Club 75,000

Fresno EOC 36,215

Helping Others Pursue Excellence 15,000

Lowell CDC (Capacity) 25,000

Lowell CDC (Tenant Education) 20,000

A motion to approve the home repair recommendations above was made by Commissioner Falke, seconded by Commissioner Reyes. The motion was approved unanimously. Vice Chair Hardie returned to the meeting.

HOMELESS/HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Fresno EOC 0

Fresno Housing Authority 667,000 (HOME TBRA Funds)

Marjaree Mason Center 312,595 (ESG Funds)

WestCare California (Turning Point) 190,862 (ESG Funds)

WestCare California (FHA) 441,305 (HOPWA Funds)

Poverello House 20,000. (Partial ESG and CDBG Funding)

A motion to approve the homeless and homelessness recommendations above was made by Commissioner Falke, seconded by Vice Chair Hardie. The motion was approved unanimously.

G) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

H) COMMISSIONER ITEMS

None.

I) UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

Lanesha Senagal from H.O.P.E., Sara Mirhadi with Poverello House and Nicole Lander with Marjaree Mason Center thanked the HCDC for there time and consideration.

Individuals may address the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) at the conclusion of the meeting regarding matters of public interest that are not listed on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the HCDC. Please fill out a Speaker Request Slip and provide it to the Recording Secretary. Individuals who wish to have their attendance and/or matter of concern noticed on future HCDC agendas should contact the Housing and Community Development Division at (559) 621-8300 at least ten (10) days prior to the desired meeting date.

J) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiske adjourns meeting at 9:50PM

The next scheduled Commission meeting is March 28, 2018.

