

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting

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

Housing and Community Development Commission

Chair Barbara Fiske

Vice Chair Bob Reyes

Commissioners:

Barry Falke, Bob Farrar, Marina Harutyunyan, Chong Yang

Staff:

Jennifer K. Clark, AICP, HDFP, DARM Director

Kelli Furtado, Assistant DARM Director

Thomas Morgan, Housing Manager

Susie Williams, Recording Secretary

A) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

B) ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Commissioner Bob Farrar, Chairperson Barbara Fiske, Commissioner Marina Harutyunyan, Vice Chair Bob Reyes, Commissioner Barry Falke, and Commissioner Chong Yang

C) COMMUNICATIONS

Development and Resource Management (DARM) Department Long Range Planning Manager, Sophia Pagoulatos, briefed the Commissioners on the upcoming Housing Element Annual Report.

D) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Farrar, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID19-1114](#) Approval of HCDC minutes for January 9, 2019

On motion of Commissioner Farrar, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, the above minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote with Commissioner Falke abstained.

F) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

[ID19-0177](#) Actions pertaining to Substantial Amendment No. 2018-01 to the 2018-2019 (FY 2019) Annual Action Plan:

1. HEARING to obtain public comments regarding the implementation of proposed Substantial Amendment No. 2018-01; and
2. Recommend Adoption of Substantial Amendment No. 2018-01 to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan; and submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for reprogramming \$2,259,784.43 of Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) program funds.

DARM Assistant Director, Kelli Furtado, provided a brief summary of the staff report.

Chair Fiske opened the Public Hearing at 5:17 P.M. Upon call for public comments, comments were stated by the public and considered by the HCDC. Public comments were made by five individuals, ending at 5:33 P.M.

Four community members expressed concerns with the proposed defunding of three parks in Substantial Amendment No. 2018-01. They spoke about the value that parks add to quality neighborhoods and how they represent the value of our community. The speakers acknowledged the need for affordable senior housing but insisted the risk of defunding the listed park projects was too high. The four speakers collectively opposed the reduction of CDBG funds at Dickey, Jaswant Singh Khaira (Victoria Park), and Fink White Park. One speaker spoke in favor of the need for affordable senior housing, while acknowledging that investment in parks is also essential. This speaker represented the Developer, and indicated that the proposed project for affordable senior housing is shovel ready and under deadlines to finalize the project or risk other funding awards.

Upon call for Commissioner comments, there was additional discussion with staff and the public. The public hearing ended at 5:33 P.M. with the HCDC recommending approval of Substantial Amendment No. 2018-01 to the City Council.

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Farrar, Commissioner Harutyunyan, Vice Chair Reyes and Commissioner Falke

No: 2 - Chairperson Fiske and Commissioner Yang

G) INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Ms. Furtado provided a brief description of the 2019-2020 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) review process and related timelines. Ms. Furtado

indicated staff will provide scoring per the scoring tables included in the NOFA for review by the Commissioners. Commissioners will be provided with a briefing at the next meeting. NOFA Presentations will occur at the March 13, 2019, HCDC Meeting at which time the Commissioners will make their funding recommendations for the Draft 2019-2020 Action Plan and City Council consideration.

H) COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Ms. Furtado indicated that the Mayor's Office has recommended the appointment of a Commissioner to the City Council for confirmation at the February 28, 2019, City Council Meeting.

I) UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION

None.

J) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiske adjourned the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

The next scheduled HCDC meeting is February 27, 2019.