

CITY OF PASADENA
Community Development Commission Minutes
July 25, 2005 – 5:30 P.M.
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room
85 East Holly Street

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Chair Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 9:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

Chair Bill Bogaard
Vice Chair Steve Madison
Commissioner Victor Gordo
Commissioner Steve Haderlein (Absent)
Commissioner Chris Holden
Commissioner Paul Little
Commissioner Joyce Streater (Absent)
Commissioner Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Kurtz
General Counsel Michele Beal Bagneris
Secretary Jane L. Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

APPROVAL OF TEN-YEAR STRATEGY TO END HOMELESSNESS

Recommendation of Chief Executive Officer: It is recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission ("Commission") approve the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness.

Recommendation of Community Development Committee: On June 9, 2005, the Community Development Committee recommended the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness for City Council approval.

The Chair and Chief Executive Officer introduced the agenda item.

Ms. Anne Lansing, Program Administrator, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. Brian Williams, Assistant City Manager, introduced Ed Cabrera, Regional Coordinator for the Western States of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Mr. Cabrera outlined the steps being taken by the Interagency Council to address homelessness issues at the Federal level, discussed the establishment of Councils at the State level, and described partnership efforts at the county and municipal level.

He commented on the City's Plan; encouraged the City to treat the Plan as a living document, to incorporate best practices into the evaluation of its implementation, and to report often on the progress of the Plan; and responded to questions.

Mr. Gregory Robinson, Housing and Community Development Administrator, noted that a listing of outside funding sources that the City will contact for monies to implement various programs contained in the Plan will be provided to the Commission, and responded to questions.

Dr. Joseph Colletti, Principal Consultant for the Institute for Urban Research and Development, discussed the proposed budget funding sources for homeless prevention and services for the homeless street population.

Discussion followed on the impacts on the City from the homelessness problems in neighboring communities, the need to address homelessness as a regional issue, the use of incentives and sanctions to encourage communities to address their homeless issues, the process for the prioritization of the recommendations to be implemented, the identification of internal and outside funding sources for ongoing programs, the promotion of the Plan by continuing to involve all segments of the community, and the development of annual plans.

Commissioner Little expressed concerns regarding the impacts from other cities that do not fulfill their responsibilities for their own homeless populations, and suggested targeting the City's populations having the needs that seem most desperate (e.g. keeping children and families housed, addressing needs of emancipated foster children).

Commissioner Tyler expressed concerns regarding the need to determine priorities in moving forward with the Plan and identifying funding sources.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the proposed process for implementing the Plan in terms of staffing and recommendations for budgeting.

Commissioner Gordo suggested the Legislative Policy Committee review recommendations regarding legislative steps that could be presented to the City's legislative representatives that would address the rising trend of foster care children who become homeless at the age of majority.

The following persons spoke in support of the Plan and/or expressed concerns/suggestions regarding homelessness issues:

Ms. Tricia Thayer, Pasadena resident
Mr. Andrew Waldner-Gourash, Pasadena resident
Mr. Don Bosch, Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches representative
Ms. Kitty Galt, Pacific Clinics/Passageways outreach team member
Ms. Karen Moyer, LCSW, Pasadena HOPE Team member
Ms. Catherine Haskett-Hany, Playhouse District Association
Mr. Al Sorkin, Pasadena Housing and Homeless Network Co-Chair
Ms. Michelle White, Pasadena resident
Ms. Jeanette Mann, All Saints Church Foster Care Project representative

The Chair noted the City's services would be available to assist Ms. Thayer regarding her homeless problems.

Commissioner Gordo asked Mr. Bosch to forward the statistics compiled by the Bad Weather Shelter to Council regarding the Pasadena residents being served.

The Chief Executive Officer indicated a workplan for the first 12 months of the Plan could be provided to Council within the next few months.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Little, seconded by Vice Chair Madison, to approve the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation, with staff to return to the Commission within the next few months with a workplan for the first 12 months of the Plan's implementation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioners Haderlein, Streater)

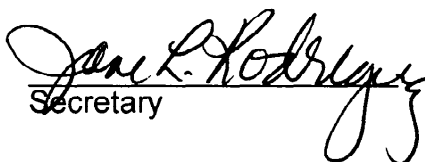
Commissioner Holden commended Dr. Colletti for his long-term dedication to issues involving the homeless in Pasadena.

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Chair
Community Development Commission

ATTEST:



Secretary