

CITY OF PASADENA
Community Development Commission Minutes
May 24, 2004 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Chair Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Kurtz
General Counsel Michele Beal Bagneris
Acting Secretary Sharon McCain Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT No one appeared for public comment.

MINUTES APPROVED April 12, 2004

It was moved by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Streater, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioners Gordo, Madison)

RECESS On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission recessed to the regular City Council meeting at 7:55 p.m.

RECONVENED/JOINT MEETING On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission reconvened at 8:21 p.m. to a joint meeting with City Council. (Absent: Commissioners Gordo, Madison)

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2004 - 2005) FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ("HUD") COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG); HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME); AMERICAN DREAM DOWN PAYMENT INITIATIVE (ADDI); HOPWA (HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS) PROGRAMS;**

AND RELATED HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF) ALLOCATIONS

Recommendation of City Manager/Chief Executive Officer:

It is recommended that upon the close of the public hearing, the City Council and Community Development Commission adopt a resolution:

(1) Approving the Annual Action Plan (2004-2005) including the project funding recommendations identified in Exhibits "A", "B" and "C" of the agenda report with the following funding allocations: CDBG \$2,740,191; HOME \$1,349,744; ADDI \$55,962; ESG \$206,162 (\$103,081-HUD/ESG funds; \$103,081 Fannie Mae American Communities Fund Interest Earnings as the required local match); and the related HSEF \$113,200;

(2) Authorizing the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the Annual Action Plan (2004-2005) and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned Federal CDBG, ESG, HOME, ADDI and HOPWA funds in accordance with the plan; and

(3) Authorizing upon approval by HUD of the City of Pasadena's application, the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the recipient/sub-recipient agreements and/or amendments thereto, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, for all recipients and/or sub-recipients recommended for a funding allocation. (Resolution No. CDR-232)

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: The Northwest Commission recommended approval of the recommendations on April 27, 2004.

Recommendation of Human Services Commission: The Human Services Commission recommended approval on April 5, 2004.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

The Assistant Secretary reported the notice of public hearing was published in the Pasadena Journal on May 6, 2004. and no correspondence was received.

Ms. Eunice Gray, Project Planner, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Ms. Valerie Babinski-Manlic, Program Coordinator, responded to questions.

The Chief Executive Officer responded to questions regarding programs and funding.

Discussion ensued concerning a description of the activities and accountability of the PasadenaLearns Program.

Commissioner Streater suggested not appropriating funding to Project Advance until an appropriate agency would take over its responsibilities.

Commissioner Little requested that if an agency is not located, the funds can be set aside for another program.

The following persons spoke regarding funding needs:

- Ms. Margie Martinez, representing Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, requested funding for Making Smiles Bright Dental Health Program
- Ms. Pixie Boyden, Chair of the Northwest Commission, requested economic development funding
- Ms. Angie O'Brien, Chair of Human Services Commission, summarized the Commission's review process and responded to questions
- Ms. Stella Murga, representing Pasadena Youth Center, requested consideration for job preparation for youth and young adults and that Council review the recusal process for the Human Services Commission.
- Mr. Amauri Membreno, representing IDEPSCA, spoke in support of the Day Labor Job Center and requested additional funding
- Ms. Suzanne Foster, representing Pasadena Community Job Center, requested additional funding for the Center
- Ms. Angelica Bautista Hernandez, representing Proyecto Domesticas del Centro Comunitario de Pasadena, requested additional funding for the Pasadena Community Job Center
- Mr. Alvaro Gaona Sanchez, representing IDEPSCA, spoke in favor
- Ms. A. Dominguez, representing Pasadena Community Job Center, requested additional funding for the Center
- Mr. Troy Sybrant, Pasadena resident, spoke in opposition to the funds provided for the Emergency Homeless Response Program (EHRP), requested additional funding, and responded to questions
- Ms. Linda Ramos, representing El Centro de Accion Social, requested additional funding for the program

Commissioner Haderlein was excused at 9:06 p.m.
Commissioner Holden was excused at 9:07 p.m.

Commissioner Holden returned at 9:10 p.m.

Commissioner Haderlein returned at 9:14 p.m.

In response to a question regarding how requests are received and turned into recommendations, the Chief Executive Officer indicated the priorities are set first from the Commissions and then Council.

Discussion ensued concerning funding that is not all spent and how block grant funding is recaptured. Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Housing and Development, explained when programs do not fully spend their funding or cannot fulfill the requirements, the funds go through a re-allocation process with the Northwest Commission, and the Commission reviews its priorities and unfunded programs and makes a recommendation to City Council.

Mr. John Depew, Program Coordinator II, responded to questions regarding the PasadenaLearns Program

Ms. Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services, responded to additional questions.

Commissioner Little requested staff provide a detailed accounting of the PasadenaLearns entire budget and to specify what exactly the funding was paying for and its programs, as well as who and how many clients the program intends to service.

Commissioner Haderlein expressed his support for additional funding for the Emergency Homeless Response Program (EHRP) if additional funds are located or re-allocated.

Commissioner Streater expressed the difficulty of providing the funding needs of the community and indicated if additional funding was re-allocated, she would support funding for the Community Health Alliance Making Smiles Bright Dental Health Program.

Vice Chair Tyler also expressed his support for the additional funding for the Community Health Alliance Making Smiles Bright Dental Program.

Commissioner Holden indicated that when looking at re-allocated funds, he suggested looking at the priorities established by the Northwest Commission regarding economic development, job training and development. He also emphasized the importance of supporting young people and creating economic opportunities.

It was moved by Commissioner Little, seconded by Vice Chair Tyler, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioners Gordo, Madison)

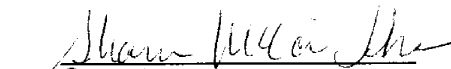
It was moved by Commissioner Haderlein, seconded by Commissioner Streater, to approve the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioners Gordo, Madison)

On order of the Chair, the joint meeting with the City Council adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Chair
Community Development Commission

ATTEST:



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