

CITY OF PASADENA
Community Development Commission Minutes
November 21, 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 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

MINUTES APPROVED

November 7, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Little, to approve the above minutes, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioner Holden)

APPROVAL OF FY 2005-06 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR TEN-YEAR STRATEGY TO END HOMELESSNESS

Recommendation of Chief Executive Officer: It is recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission approve the FY 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan for the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee: On November 10, 2005, the Community Development Committee considered the subject recommendation regarding the FY 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan for the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness and recommended its approval.

The Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Brian Williams, Assistant City Manager, introduced the agenda item.

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

Discussion followed on the development of a safety net concept, the collection of statistical data on homelessness, and the relationship between costs incurred to provide City services and homelessness issues.

Commissioner Little suggested staff explore the concept of developing a safety net for people who are about to become homeless and/or who could soon become homeless, which would provide resources to keep these people in their housing for short periods of time rather than allowing them to become homeless, especially as this applies to families with children.

The Chief Executive Officer noted a coalition of the City, Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP), and Huntington Memorial Hospital had received a \$1 million grant to be used for a 2-year program for a 24-hour place to call for medical advice and/or referral to services.

Mr. James Lomako, Community Development Committee member, discussed the need for additional funds for the City's Bad Weather Shelter Program that would allow for an increase in the number of consecutive days that the shelter will be open, and encouraged consideration of an increase to \$100,000 in the Shelter funding for the next fiscal budget.

Dr. Joe Colletti, Pasadena resident, commented on the Good Neighbor Program as this relates to a homelessness prevention program currently being developed. He discussed the need for a political and community will to implement the program, the related resources that can be elicited from the business community in conjunction with implementing a prevention program, and the need to provide a centralized location for such a program.

It was moved by Commissioner Little, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, to approve the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation, with staff to return in 60 days with a report that reviews the homelessness prevention program outlined by Dr. Joe Colletti and explores how such a program might be implemented in Pasadena, and that researches the implementation of homelessness prevention programs in other cities and the regional efforts being taken to address homelessness issues. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioner Holden)

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Bill Bogaard

Bill Bogaard, Chair
Community Development Commission

ATTEST:

Jane L. Rodriguez

Secretary