

CITY OF PASADENA
Community Development Commission Minutes
October 17, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Chair Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

Chair Bill Bogaard
Vice Chair Margaret McAustin
Commissioner Victor Gordo
Commissioner Chris Holden (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Commissioner Steve Madison
Commissioner Gene Masuda
Commissioner Jacque Robinson
Commissioner Terry Tornek

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Beck
General Counsel Michele Beal Bagneris
Secretary Mark Jomsky

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

MINUTES APPROVED

September 26, 2011
October 3, 2011
October 10, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Madison, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to approve the above minutes, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE 2011 CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission (Commission) adopt a resolution:

- (1) Authorizing the filing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the 2011 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Application for a funding request of \$3,006,739 for thirteen projects; and
- (2) Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute, and the Secretary to attest, the 2011 CoC Homeless Assistance Application and all other related documents, agreements, and amendments. (Resolution No. CDR-280)

Recommendation of Community Development Committee:

The Community Development Committee (CDC) is scheduled to discuss this item at its regular meeting on October 13, 2011.

Staff will report orally to the Commission as to the CDC's recommendation.

It was moved by Commissioner Madison, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to approve the staff recommendation, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission approve the proposed list of redevelopment project priorities contained in the agenda report for the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area.

The Chair introduced the agenda item.

The Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of current redevelopment issues and the proposed list of project priorities for the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area.

Eric Duyshart, Economic Development Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in support of the Pasadena Playhouse District public parking projects and/or various projects on the proposed priorities list:

Carla Walecka, Playhouse District Association Chair, submitted a fact sheet titled, "Playhouse District Redevelopment Priority Projects"

Polly Wheaton, Pasadena Beautiful Foundation President

Michael Sharp, Pasadena resident

Daniel J. Lien, Inland Community Bank 1st Vice President/Manager

Paul Desruisseaux, Pasadena resident

Paul Jacoy, Pasadena resident and business owner

Jonathan Edwards, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood Association (DPNA) representative

Marsha Rood, Pasadena resident

The Chair noted that the Community Development Commission is not being asked to finalize a priorities list at this time, and that further consideration and action on the future projects list will take place after the California Supreme Court renders its rulings regarding pending redevelopment litigation.

The Chief Executive Officer responded to questions regarding the two Playhouse District Parking site projects, the YWCA project, the Opportunity Fund project, and refinement of the projects list for future prioritization; and indicated that the

Commission could finalize the priorities list when this matter returns to the Community Development Commission for further discussion/consideration in February 2012.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions regarding the YWCA Rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Holden suggested that the two Playhouse District projects and the YWCA project be prioritized at this time, with the remaining list of projects to be considered at a future date.

Discussion focused on shovel-ready projects, the grant application process linked to the two Playhouse District Parking sites projects, benefits derived from the various recommended future projects, and the need for more specific information about the projects before the priorities list is finalized.

Vice Chair McAustin stressed the need for staff to explore any opportunities to provide more parks and open space in the Central District.

The Chair clarified that no priority is being set in regards to which Playhouse District project will be developed first, and that this decision will be determined as circumstances evolve.


Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation, with conceptual approval given to the general list of proposed projects, with direction to staff to prioritize and proceed, as able, with Playhouse District Parking Sites No. 1 and No. 2, and with a request that the Chair send a letter of support on behalf of the Community Development Commission for said Playhouse District projects. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Chair
Community Development Commission

ATTEST:



Secretary