



Cities & Towns Advisory Committee
 Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Concurrent Regular Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice Chair Streeter; Community Development Commission (CDC) staff initiated the roll call:

Committee Members

Jenna Garcia – City of Rohnert Park	Present
Jennifer Gates – City of Sonoma	Present
John Jay – City of Sebastopol	Absent
Kevin Thompson – City of Cloverdale	Present
Noah Housh – City of Cotati	Present
Patrick Streeter – Town of Windsor	Present
Stephen Sotomayor – City of Healdsburg	Present

CDC and Sonoma County Housing Authority Staff

- Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
- Rhonda Coffman, Deputy Director
- Martha Cheever, Deputy Director
- Valerie Johnson, Community Development Program Coordinator
- Madison Murray, Senior Community Development Specialist
- Laurie Dinwiddie, Affordable Housing Finance Specialist
- Krista Fotou, Affordable Housing Finance Program Coordinator
- Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Program Coordinator

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

A member of the community made a comment regarding the ongoing Tierra de Rosas affordable housing project. Another member of the community made a comment advocating for affordable housing that serves veterans with behavioral health conditions.

3. Approval Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2024

Public comments: None.

Action: The committee moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted by staff.

Motion: Gates
Second: Sotomayor

Ayes: Garcia, Gates, Thompson, Sotomayor, Streeter
Noes: None
Abstain: Housh
Absent: Jay

Motion passed.

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Michelle Whitman, provided an update regarding the new office space for the Community Development Commission. Director Whitman also reviewed the operations of the Sonoma County Housing Authority, discussed the progress of several local housing projects, and she also provided an update regarding the Bay Area Housing Fund ballot measure.

Public comments: Duane Dewitt made a public comment.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

CDC staff, Valerie Johnson, gave a presentation about the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and briefly outlined the accomplishments of the Commission over the previous fiscal year.

Chair Streeter opened the public hearing.

Public comments: Duane Dewitt and Gregory Fearon made a public comment.

Chair Streeter closed the public hearing.

Action: The committee moved to accept the CAPER as drafted by staff. The committee asked staff to further elaborate within the narrative of the CAPER and to include details regarding the challenges experienced during the reporting period.

Motion: Garcia
Second: Housh

Ayes: Garcia, Gates, Thompson, Sotomayor, Housh, Streeter

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Jay

Motion Passed.

6. Funding Recommendations: HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

CDC staff, Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, provided some background information regarding the HOME-ARP funding source and then reviewed the proposed funding recommendation.

Public comments: Gregory Fearon made a public comment.

Action: The committee moved to recommend approval of the HOME-ARP funding recommendation, which will then be incorporated into the 2021-22 Action Plan, which will then be published for thirty days in order to facilitate public comment. This item will come before the committee again in October for final review.

Motion: Housh
Second: Thompson

Ayes: Garcia, Gates, Thompson, Sotomayor, Housh
Noes: None
Abstain: Streeter
Absent: Jay

Motion Passed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.