



Human Services Department Representative: Michelle Bendyk, Tenant Representatives: Judith Morgan, Nicky McDermott

1st District: *Vacant* | 2nd District: Jake Mackenzie (Chair) | 3rd District: Chris Borr

4th District: Teddie Pierce | 5th District: *Vacant* | Executive Director: Michelle Whitman

Sonoma County Community Development Committee Concurrent Meeting

Approved Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice Chair Borr; Chair Mackenzie attended the meeting remotely and was unable to chair the meeting. Community Development Commission (CDC) staff conducted the roll call:

Community Development Committee Members

District 1	Vacant
Jake Mackenzie, Chair – District 2	Present
Chris Borr, Vice Chair – District 3	Present
Teddie Pierce – District 4	Present
John Valdovinos – District 5	Present
Judy Morgan – Tenant Representative	Present
Nicky McDermott – Tenant Representative	Absent
Michelle Bendyk – Human Services Representative	Present

CDC and Sonoma County Housing Authority Staff Present

Michelle Whitman, Executive Director
Rhonda Coffman, Community Development Director
Dorothy Norton, Community Development Associate
Matthew Burns, Administrative Aide
Madison Murry, Senior Community Development Specialist
Laurie Dinwiddie, Community Development Program Specialist
Krista Fotou, Affordable Housing Finance Associate
Valerie Johnson, Community Development Associate
Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Associate

2. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee members voted to approve the meeting minutes in a roll call vote, but a motion and second was not made, so the action is invalidated.

Public comments:

None.

Action

Motion: None

Second: None

Ayes: Pierce, Morgan, Bendyk, Borr, Valdovinos, and Mackenzie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDermott

Motion Passed.

4. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director, Michelle Whitman, provided an update regarding the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority expenditure plan and other agency business. She also announced the date of the groundbreaking ceremony for Tierra de Rosas.

Public comments:

A community member made a comment and asked Executive Director Whitman to confirm the date of the Tierra de Rosas groundbreaking ceremony.

5. Public Hearing: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

CDC staff, Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, gave a presentation about the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) assessment for Sonoma County.

Public comments:

A representative for Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California stated that she would like to work with the County to combat the local perception that there is a lack of fair housing services available to community members.

Action

Motion: Bendyk

Second: Morgan

Ayes: Morgan, Bendyk, Borr, Valdovinos, Pierce, Mackenzie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDermott

Motion Passed.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2024-25 Action Plan, FY 2020-25 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment, FY 2021-22 Action Plan Substantial Amendment

CDC staff, Valerie Johnson, provided a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan Substantial Amendment, and the Fiscal Year 2020-25 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment.

Public comments:

A community member made a comment inquiring about the possibility of utilizing county funding for emergency situations. Another community member, representing Legal Aid of Sonoma County, made a comment about the funding awards.

Action

Motion: Mackenzie, and to ensure his motion matched the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee, he added that he would like to encourage the Board to allocate additional funding to homelessness prevention.

Second: Pierce

Ayes: Morgan, Bendyk, Borr, Valdovinos, Pierce, and Mackenzie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDermott

Motion Passed.

7. Public Hearing – FY2024-25 Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan Update

Sonoma County Housing Authority staff, Dorothy Norton, gave a presentation regarding the proposed changes to the PHA Annual Plan.

Public comments:

None.

Action

Motion: Mackenzie

Second: Valdovinos

Ayes: Morgan, Bendyk, Borr, Valdovinos, Pierce, Mackenzie

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: McDermott

Motion Passed.

8. Affordable Housing Compliance Monitoring – Annual Update

CDC staff, Laurie Dinwiddie, provided an update regarding 2023 monitoring activities.

Public comments:

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.