

Meeting Minutes

**Mesa City Plaza
20 E. Main Street, Room 170
Mesa, Arizona 85201**

The Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) of the City of Mesa met on March 7, 2017, at 5:30 pm in the Mesa City Plaza, Room 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Sparks – Chair
Donna Bleyle – Vice Chair
Susan Brenton
Diana Yazzie Devine
Linda Starr
Ericka Varela
Kris Woolley

Derek Brosemann (newly
appointed board member –
attended in the audience)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Kay
Tom Stapley

STAFF PRESENT

Constance Bachman
Maurice Brundidge
Emily Greco
Jenni Hale
Jana Kelly
Natalie Lewis
Ra'Chel'Ni Mar'Na
Liz Morales
Dennis Newburn

PRESENTERS

Rachelle Arama
Philip Austin
Kate Beach
Bill Berry
Julie Carlberg
Jenna Conno
Holly Crom
Cathy Dyciewski
Rebekah Dyslin
Kymila Eubanks
Anita Felix
Sherry Friend
Vicki Helland
Deborah Hutterer
Madelyn Jones
Nikki Kontz
Karen Kurtz
Laura Magruder
John Moore
Trevor Paxton
Chris Quasula
Nicki Ramirez
German Reyes
Dave Richins
Jake Sedillo
Jackie Shelley
Jodi Stoken
Jackie Taylor
Dorian Townsend
Cindy Vargo
Henry Waite
Cindy Walsh
Kelly Watson
Arlen Westling
Brandi Whistler
Heidi Wilde
Sara Youngblood

I. Chair's Call to Order

Stephen Sparks called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Items from Citizens Present

There were no items presented.

III. Discussion and Action Items

A. Update on the FY 2017/2018 HOME LIHTC Proposal Process

Ra'Chel'Ni Mar'Na presented an update of the LIHTC projects. On January 5th, the Board reviewed and scored the projects. On February 16th, the Board's scores and recommendations were presented to Council at a Council Study Session. That agenda included the FY 2017/18 HOME LIHTC projects, along with an additional funding request of \$500,000 for the Mesa Art Space Mesa Loft project. The Council's decisions were as follows: (1) to support and fund the Art Space request for an additional \$500,000 under the FY17/18 round (note - \$500,000 was approved previously under the FY16/17 round); (2) not to fund/support the New Frontier Senior Housing project, which was proposed by YES Housing, Inc., and (3) not to fund/support the Main and Horne Street redevelopment project which was proposed by Gorman. Rachelni indicated that the remainder of the FY17/18 HOME applications would be presented later in this meeting for the Board's review and recommendations.

B. Motion to convene Public Hearing #1 – First Substantial Amendment to the FY 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan

A motion to convene Public Hearing #1 was made by Donna Bleyle; seconded by Susan Brenton; the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0.

Dennis Newburn stated the final step of the 2016/17 supplemental application process is underway. The Community Services Department has held several meetings with respect to the activities that the City Council elected to take (those activities listed below). Each of these activities has been evaluated by the Department and has been completed or nearly completed in the normal review process. This is the final step before funds are set aside for those activities. The purpose of this hearing is to answer any questions regarding these activities. These discussions are open and anybody in this meeting may speak or ask questions about the proposals.

Public Comments –

• A New Leaf, East Valley Men's Center Improvements	\$262,000
• City of Mesa, Demolition Program	\$50,000
• City of Mesa, Downtown Façade Improvement Program	\$100,000
• City of Mesa, Kleinman Park Improvements	\$250,000
• Paz de Cristo, Facility Improvements	\$64,176

There were no questions/comments from the public. Donna Bleyle asked if no discussion/questions means they will be funded at this level; Dennis confirmed.

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C. Motion to close Public Hearing #1 – First Substantial Amendment to the FY 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan

A motion to close Public Hearing #1 was made by Susan Brenton; seconded by Donna Bleyle; the motion was carried by a vote 7-0.

D. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Board members were asked to sign Conflict of Interest Declarations in conjunction with the application presentations.

E. FY 2017/2018 Application Presentations

Dennis Newburn introduced the application process for the scheduled presentations for Human Services and HOME. Representatives from the agencies were invited to attend so they could answer any questions that Staff could not.

Presentations were made by Staff. Board members were asked to submit recommendations for each of the organizations that were presented.

After the presentations were completed, Dennis stated that the next step in the process is to put budget to activities. He mentioned that the Department and the City Council take a serious look at the recommendations from the Board. What the Board recommends and their assistance is critical to the process, as well as the assistance from Staff. Ultimately, both the Community and Cultural Development (CCD) Committee and the City Council reserve the right to reject the proposals from the Board. Each of the agencies that applied for funding is aware of the process.

IV. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information, including those set forth below

A. Next Regular HCDAB Meeting – April 6, 2017

Thursday, April 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – Lower Level, 57 E First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201

V. Adjourn the meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donna Bleyle; seconded by Linda Starr; the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

(Erick Varela had to leave early, reducing the Board to 6 members)



Submitted by Jenni Hale, Administrative Support Assistant I

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