



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
February 23, 2011 Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair/Mayor Coonerty called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Cruz City Hall, 809 Center Street. Due to the number of public participants, the meeting location was moved from the Courtyard Conference Room to the adjacent Council Chambers. The Courtyard Conference Room was appropriately noticed with this change.

Committee Members:

Present: Chair/Mayor Coonerty; Councilmember Robinson;
Councilmember Bryant

Absent: None.

Staff: T.Shull; C. Berg

Public: About 25 members of the public.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

3. Election of the Committee Chair for 2011

Councilmember Robinson nominated Mayor Coonerty to serve as Community Programs Committee Chair for the 2011 term. Councilmember Bryant seconded the nomination. Mayor Coonerty was unanimously elected 2011 Committee Chair.

4. Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 2010, October 13, 2010, November 3, 2010 and November 17, 2010 Meetings

Councilmember Robinson moved, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2010, October 13, 2010, November 3, 2010 and (with minor revisions) November 17, 2010 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of Recommendations for the HUD Annual Action Plan—
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for FY 2012

C. Berg summarized the current context of the CDBG and HOME funding, notably the uncertainty of the Federal funding and the incorporation of CDBG and HOME funding into the Community Programs funding process.

Ms. Berg reviewed the proposed alternatives for the FY 2012 CDBG funding. Members of the public offered additional details on project applications as well as comments, concerns and suggestions about the budget alternatives. C. Berg briefly discussed the preliminary and alternative HOME budgets and indicated that as the budget was in flux, there was no staff recommendation at this time.

Councilmember Robinson moved, seconded by Chair/Mayor Coonerty to:

(1) adopt the following as a placeholder CDBG budget, to be reviewed and refined in the future when Community Programs funding recommendations are under consideration by the Committee: that of the projected CDBG budget, allocate \$81,7200 for the Familia Center, with the remainder of the budget evenly divided between the other five applicant programs (Homeless Community Resource Center – Homeless Services Center; River Street Shelter – Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center; Senior Housing Placement – Senior Network Services; Beach Flats Community Center – Community Bridges; and Teen Center – City of Santa Cruz); and

(2) state the Committee’s clear understanding and intent that this is a placeholder budget and does not constitute the final FY 2012 CDBG budget.

The motion carried unanimously.

At 2:20 p.m., Chair/Mayor Coonerty left the meeting and designated Councilmember Robinson to serve as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. Review FY 2012-2013 City Community Programs Application Process

T. Shull provided a brief summary of the application process, indicating that applications are due on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5 p.m. A member of the public offered comments about problems in the past with the online contract management system. The Committee took no action.

7. City of Santa Cruz Residency Parameter for FY 2012-2013 Funding Decisions – Discuss and Take Action, if any

The item was deleted.

8. Process for FY 2012-2013 Community Programs Funding Application Review and Recommendations – Discuss and Take Action, if any

T. Shull explained this funding cycle’s unique circumstances surround the review of the Community Programs applications, driven by the changes to the funding process adopted by the City Council in November 2010. Ms. Shull summarized a proposed review process that includes an initial staff analysis and a Committee study session to review the applications, followed by a staff and community panel review of the applications to formulate a set of funding recommendations for the

Committee to take up in one to two meetings in April or May 2011, with the goal to adopt recommendations for presentation to the City Council in time for the June 7, 2011 FY 2012 Budget Hearings.

Members of the public offered comments with respect to the community panel and desirable qualities of these members.

By consensus, the Committee agreed with the proposed application review process, with the understanding that the community panel concept will require additional refinement.

9. Establish Committee's Spring 2011 Meeting Schedule

The Committee did not set meeting dates.

Adjournment -- The Community Programs Committee adjourned at 2:47 p.m. from the meeting of February 23, 2011 to its next meeting at a date and time to be determined.

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