



Housing and Community Development Advisory Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Stephen Sparks – Chair
Donna Bleyle – Vice Chair

Susan Brenton
Diana Yazzie Devine
Heather Kay
Tom Stapley

Linda Starr
Ericka Varela
Kent Westover
Kris Woolley

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Lower-Level Council Chambers

57 E. First Street

Mesa, Arizona, 85201

I. Welcome and Introductions (2 minutes)

- A. HCDAB members present at meeting. All were present except Susan Brenton, Heather Kay and Tom Stapley.
- B. Staff present at meeting – Deanna Grogan, Constance Bachman, Ra’Chel’Ni Mar’Na, Dennis Newburn, Ray Thimesch, Maurice Brundidge, Ruth Giese, Natalie Lewis and Carli Ream.
- C. Stephen Sparks acknowledge and thank Heather Landvatter for her contribution and service.

II. Approval of Minutes (2 minutes)

- A. Stephen Sparks made motion to approve the HCDAB minutes from the December 3, 2015 meeting , seconded by Linda Starr; the vote carried 7 – 0.

The City of Mesa is committed to making its public meetings accessible. For accommodations, translation, or additional information, please contact the City Manager’s Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at (480) 644-3333 or AzRelay 7-1-1 for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Si necesita asistencia o traducción en español, favor de llamar al menos 48 horas antes de la reunión al 480-644-2767.

III. **Items from Citizens Present**

There were no citizens present

IV. **Discussion and Action Items**

A. **Motion to convene Public Hearing – FY 2016-17 Potential Projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Human Services Programs -**

Citizens of the City of Mesa are urged to attend a public hearing conducted by the City of Mesa Housing and Community Development Division to discuss potential projects and activities for its Program Year 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Human Services programs.

Motion to convene Public Hearing – Diana Yazzie Devine made a motion to convene the Public Hearing. Linda Starr seconded the motion, and was carried by a 7-0 vote.

Dennis Newburn introduced the FY2016-17 application review process for CDBG, ESG and Human Services.

Deanna Grogan provided an overview of CDBG, ESG and Human Services. Explaining that funding for the above mentioned federal programs (CDBG and ESG) are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and used for housing and community development activities that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons and assist in the prevention or elimination of slum or blighting influences. We're anticipating level funding, however, the amounts available for these programs has not been determined yet.

Funding for the Human Services programs comes from the City's general fund and the ABC program consisting of donations from the general public made through their utility bill payments. These funds support programs and services that directly impact community safety services and encourage independence and self-sufficiency so that residents can fully realize economic and social opportunities. The amount of funding available for Human Services has not been determined and is based on contributions.

Public comments:

All comments received by the City will be included in the final version of the FY2016-2017 Annual Action Plan submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Constance Bachman presented a public comment received via email from Cori Garcia, Downtown Mesa Association, on behalf of downtown Mesa property

owners, businesses and residents requesting the City of Mesa's support of CDBG dollars to be used for the Downtown Mesa Ambassador one year pilot program. The public comment was read to the HCDAB and will be included as a public comment for the FY2016-2017 Annual Action Plan, as required by the Citizen Participation Plan.

There were no other comments from the citizens present.

B. Motion to Close Public Hearing – Linda Starr made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Donna Bleyle seconded the motion, and was carried by a 7-0 vote.

V. Discussion Items: HOME (Rental - LIHTC) Program Proposal Reviews for FY 2016/17 – Ra'Chel'Ni Mar'Na provided an overview of the evaluation process and the HCDAB rating tools to be used during the presentation of the FY2016-17 HOME application proposal presentations.

The Board will hear and evaluate presentations from nonprofit organizations and/or developers requesting funding for the City of Mesa's FY 2016/17 HOME Investment Partnership Program for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) – Rental development proposals. The following applicants will present for a maximum of five minutes per application, with an additional five minutes for questions from the HCDAB members.

1. MESA ART SPACE LOFTS

Developer: Artspace Projects, Inc.
Development Entity: 501(c)(3)
Site Address: 155 S. Hibbert
of Units Planned: 50
of Buildings Planned: 6 New Construction
Total Development Cost (TDC): \$13,918,936.00
Funding Request: HOME Program \$500,000

The goal of the Mesa Art Space Lofts is to bring art-work-based housing to Mesa. It provides creative places for artists to live. There are currently 35 locations with 12 currently under development. There will be 1, 2 and 3 floor units; the development will also include indoor/outdoor creative spaces, which will help to increase the population in underutilized locations of downtown Mesa. The property is located near the light rail for easy access to transportation.

2. ENCORE ON MACDONALD

Developer: Urban Development Partners, LLC (Todd Marshall)
Development Entity: For-Profit
Site Address: SWC – 1st Ave & MacDonald
of Units Planned: 73
of Buildings Planned: 1 New Construction
Total Development Cost (TDC): \$15,170,280.00
Funding Request: HOME Program \$500,000

The vision for Encore on Macdonald is to build quality housing that helps build an affordable residence block for seniors. It will be a pedestrian environment within walking distance to downtown Mesa. This will be the 3rd phase. The community has a plaza, back courtyard, barbeque area that promotes socialization. The property includes a gym, computers, programs with the senior center, transportation, health screening, counseling, and a liaison to help in accessing services from other agencies.

VI. Staff Announcements/Reminders

(5 minutes)

- A.** Resignation of HCDAB Member Heather Landvatter effective immediately
- B.** The CDBG/ESG/HS Application Process opened on January 4, 2016 and closes on January 21, 2016. Staff review will take place from January 25th through February 4th.
- C.** Point in Time Homeless Street Count – January 26th from 6AM -12 NOON. The City of Mesa will host a training for volunteers on January 21st at 5:30PM, Fire Station 201 – 360 E. 1st St.
- D.** Mobil Home discussion -the HCDAB would like to revisit this discussion in the future, as there have been workshops that are scheduled and the Board would like to request an update from Susan Brenton later in the year.
- E.** Next HCDAB Meeting – February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 1. Charlene Flaherty, with the Corporation of Supportive Housing (CSH), will present to the Board.
 - 2. The Board will be trained on using ZoomGrants to review the FY 16/17 applications.

VII. Adjourn the meeting

Donna Bleyle motioned to adjourn, Stephen Sparks seconded; motion carried by a vote of 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.