



Housing Advisory Board

Minutes

Christian Karas – Chair
Linda Starr – Vice Chair

Diana Yazzie Devine
Heather Kay
Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa

Thomas Mace
Steve Schild (absent)
Jon Scott Williams
Vacant

Thursday, April 5th, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Mesa City Plaza Building, Room 170
20 East Main Street
Mesa, Arizona, 85201

I. Welcome and Introductions

Christian Karas introduced the members of the Board. All were present except Mr. Schild. Staff present at the meeting included: Tammy Albright, Ray Thimesch, and Scott Clapp.

II. Items from Citizens Present*

There were no items from Citizens present.

III. Public Hearing #2 – City of Mesa FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan. This public hearing is the second in a series of two regarding the City's FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan (see Attachment A).

- A. Motion to convene Public Hearing #2. Thomas Mace made a motion to convene Public Hearing #2. The motion was seconded by Linda Starr.
- B. Discussion regarding the City of Mesa's FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan. The activities described are those that the City plans to undertake to address the priority needs in support of local objectives identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-2014. The biggest change to this year's Plan is the implementation of the open application process for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Rental housing and homebuyer activities will be targeted.

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- C. Public comments: At this time, the general public was encouraged to provide any comments they may have regarding the FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan. Please complete a blue card in the back of the room and submit it to staff if you wish to speak. Each speaker will have approximately three minutes and must state their name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), and city of residence.

At this time, Jackie Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Family, applauded the City for taking a look at Project-Based Vouchers for permanent supportive housing. She indicated they were a positive solution to solving the chronic homeless problem in Mesa.

Written comments regarding the FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan may also be submitted during the 30-Day Public Comment Period that began on Wednesday, March 29th, 2012 and concludes at the end of business on Monday, April 30th, 2012. All written comments should be submitted by mail to: The City of Mesa, Housing and Community Development Department, Attn: Ray Thimesch, Development Project Coordinator, P.O. Box 1466, Mesa, AZ 85211-1466; or, by e-mail to ray.thimesch@mesaaz.gov. All written comments must be received no later than end of business on April 30th, 2012 to be considered.

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

- D. Approval and Submission of Plan: Approval of the proposed FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan is tentatively scheduled on Monday, May 7th, 2012 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Upper Level Council Chambers (57 E. First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201). The submission deadline to HUD is May 15th, 2012.
- E. Motion to close Public Hearing #2 regarding the City of Mesa's FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan. Jon Scott Williams made a motion to close Public Hearing #2. Linda Starr seconded the motion.

- IV. **Public Hearing for Mesa's Substantial Amendments**. This public hearing is intended to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment in person regarding the proposed Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan (Attachment B) and the First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 (Attachment C) including changes to Mesa's Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment D).

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- A. Motion to convene the Public Hearing for Mesa's Substantial Amendments. Heather Kay made a motion to convene the Public Hearing for Mesa's Substantial Amendments. Siri Amrit Kaur Khalsa.
- B. Discussion regarding the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan (Attachment B). This Amendment is required to receive the mid-year allocation of \$84, 847 as part of the revised Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. With these funds, the City is proposing to operate homeless prevention and rapid-rehousing activities. The City will run this program in-house.
- C. Discussion regarding the First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 including changes to Mesa's Citizen Participation Plan (Attachment C). Project-Based and Sponsor-Based Vouchers were included in the Consolidated Plan as well as a designation of deteriorating areas so Code Enforcement would be in compliance with the HUD regulations. Rehab dollars are also going to be focused in the Code Enforcement target areas.
- D. Public Comments: At this time, the general public was encouraged to provide any comments they may have about the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan or the First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14. Each speaker had approximately three minutes and must have stated their name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), and city of residence.

No public comments were received at this time.

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All comments received by the City regarding either Substantial Amendments will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- E. Approval and Submission of Amendments: Approval of the proposed Substantial Amendments is tentatively scheduled on May 7th, 2012 at the

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regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Upper Level Council Chambers (57 E. First Street, Mesa, AZ 85201).

- F. Motion to close the Substantial Amendments Public Hearing. Heather Kay made a motion to close the Substantial Amendments Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Jon Scott Williams. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

V. Action Items

- A. Discuss and Take Action on a Motion Recommending that Council Adopt the FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan as Submitted. Heather Kay made a motion recommending that Council adopt the FY 2012/2013 Annual Action Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jon Scott Williams and approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- B. Discuss and Take Action on a Motion Recommending that Council Adopt the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan as Submitted. Heather Kay made a motion recommending that Council adopt the Second Substantial Amendment to the FY 2011/2012 Annual Action Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Thomas Mace and approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.
- C. Discuss and Take Action on a Motion Recommending that Council Adopt the First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 including changes to the Citizen Participation Plan as Submitted. Heather Kay made a motion recommending that Council adopt the First Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2010-14 including changes to the Citizen Participation Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Thomas Mace and approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Diana Yazzie Devine wanted to reflect in the minutes her appreciation of the hard work that staff put in a very tight time frame to accomplish what needed to be done. Steve Schild and Linda Starr also expressed their appreciation and amazement at the amount of work that was accomplished by staff.

VI. Staff Reports and Announcements

- A. Department Update – Status Report. Next year promises to be an exciting one with the Board. As you may recall, we're working at merging the Housing Advisory and Human Services Advisory Boards into a single board entitled the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board. Work will also begin on the Consolidated Plan for 2015.

- VII. **Adjourn** – Diana Yazzie Devine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Mace seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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***Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. State statute prohibits the Housing Advisory Board from discussing an item that is not on the agenda; however, the Board does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.**